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Future of sacked miners among key issues for peace negotiations

NCB will insist on closure condition

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

The National Union of Mineworkers must accept as part of a settlement of its 46-week-old strike that uneconomic pits "can and will" be closed, the National Coal Board said yesterday.

Mr Michael Eaton, the board's special spokesman, said the acquiescence on that point was a precondition of tomorrow's "talks-about talks." The union must change its policy on closures and sign an agreement to that effect, he said.

He told ITV's Weekend World viewers "that we establish the fact between ourselves that there is a point when a pit has to close for reasons of economics . . . we require it to be understood."

There is little doubt that the NUM, under increasing threat of disintegration from members returning to work and sections poised to break away, will agree tomorrow to such an agenda for full negotiations to end the dispute. Problems could arise if the board proves even more demanding than Mr Eaton indicated.

The difficulty for the NUM leaders will be to gain enough ground to convince the union's hard-liners, particularly the South Wales leader, Mr Emlyn Williams, and the Yorkshire president, Mr Jack Taylor, that they can end the strike with honour. That could mean an undertaking from the board that it will not proceed with what the union would see as undue haste on closures.

Beyond this there may still be a serious sticking point on the future of some 500 NUM members who have been sacked by the board, mainly after court convictions for offences during the strike.

The board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, remains obdurate that they will not be taken back. Mr Scargill insists that those who have fought, by whatever means, for their future employment must retain their jobs.

A possible solution, although it does not seem to have been tested in previous negotiations or subsequent informal discussions, would be to leave the issue to local settlement by the industry's established conciliation procedures.

An agreement on economic closures on the lines indicated by Mr Eaton yesterday would leave the union with considerable room to argue, through the colliery review procedure, against the economic case advanced by the board.

The union would be able to argue before the independent appeal machinery to be set up under last October's agreement with the deputies' union, Naceds, that the board's accounting methods are faulty or that the social costs of closure would outweigh the savings.

The board would recognise the review procedure, but in the end "we must have the authority, we must have the agreement of the NUM that uneconomic pits can and will be closed, as they have been in the past," said Mr Eaton.

He said the board was trying to establish a viable industry and it would make the operation rather ludicrous if it had to keep uneconomic pits working. The NUM's demand that pits be kept open at any cost was ludicrous. "That we cannot and will not accept."

Asked if it was precondition of tomorrow's talks that the NUM accept that point of view, Mr Eaton said: "It's a precondition of those talks that we establish the fact between ourselves that there is a point when a pit has to close for reasons of economics. That has to be understood in the talks about talks which form the agenda for future negotiations which will take place quickly after those talks."

Questioned further on whether the board required a signed agreement or a private assurance, he said: "We require that an agreement is made which recognises that uneconomic pits can close. . . .

Asked if the board wanted an advance pledge from the union before serious negotiations started, he said: "We want an understanding that when that meeting takes place on Tuesday, that on the agenda will be a meaningful discussion about uneconomic pits.

Both sides will be anxiously watching today whether the return to work by strikers will continue at the accelerating pace established since Christmas.

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Sudan buckles under strain of refugees

David Hirst reports from Khartoum on the internal and external problems facing the country

SUDAN is in danger of being overwhelmed, not only by the endless columns of starving people pouring across its borders from Ethiopia and Chad, but by increasing numbers of its own refugees, heading for the cities after a disastrous 1984 harvest.

The human tide from the country's western provinces is now lapping at the outskirts of the capital, and the Government's limited machinery for dealing with the crisis is buckling under the strain. The latest UN figures suggest that 4.5 million of Sudan's population is "famine affected."

Tens of thousands of these people can be found at the "Souk Libya" (the so-called "Libyan Market")' a short drive from the city. Once it was an isolated desert bazaar, but now it is the point of convergence for the latest drought and famine-driven immigrants from the western provinces.

An army barrier stops them moving deeper into the urban area, where the impoverished already abound, and the Government has sent thousands of them back where they came from.

But others continue to trek in. They are drawn by the Nile, population centres, and the hope of work and aid. Muhammad al-Maula, who came here with 500 of his clansmen, said that the Government had not asked them to go back to their native Darfur, but that they would not do so if it did. He was buying about 5½ lb of low-grade sorghum, a coarse grain, for about £1.70. That was about five times what it would have cost him a year ago. It was all he could afford, he said, for his family of nine.

It would yield far less than the 2,000 calories or so per person which relief workers consider the minimum for subsistence. That day, as his only regular income, he had earned just over £1 in the back-breaking toil of fetching water for his camp. Yet it seems that, measured by the gradations of almost total destitution, his clan are significantly better off than others. In the three months that they have been in Souk Libya, only ten of their number have died.

The Souk Libya refugees are Sudanese. The Sudan, once hailed as the future granary of the Arab world, now has a famine of its own. In 1981 it had a record harvest, yielding 3.4 million tons of grain, mainly sorghum. That was thanks to perfect rainfall. Of the country's 9.5 million acres of arable land, 9 million are rain-fed.

The harvests of 1982 and 1983 were poor, but 1984's was disastrous. When, in November, the crop was finally in, it totalled a mere 1,471,000 tons, about 1.9 million short of the 3.4 million needed, according to American calculations, to feed the population of 19 million.

The UN puts the number of people "seriously affected" by the drought-famine at up to 4.5 million.

Hardest hit are 200,000 to 300,000 semi-nomadic tribesmen, the Bejar, from the hills around Port Sudan. They have lost almost everything — including even their precious dome trees, which, with their fan leaves, provide fodder, medicinal substances, fibre for matting, and shade in a fiercely hostile environment.

About 30,000 of them have clustered around the Port Sudan Kassala railway where, providential relic of the steam age, tanks still provide water. But in their natural habitat, conditions were said at one time to be at least as bad as in the Ethiopian refugee camps. Oxfam reported that in November, nine children were dying every day in one camp of only 1,500 people.

After these, the worst afflicted are about 2.5 million people of northern Kordofan and Darfur. They have been moving south in search of pasture, leaving whole regions deserted of man and beast. A witness reported that in November, people were dying at a rate of 200 a day in a gathering centre in south Darfur after a trek of 45 days.

About half a million people are said to be "severely affected" in the deep south where, as in Ethiopia, natural calamity is aggravated by insurgency against the central Government.

Finally, there are more than a million refugees from neighbouring countries. Some of these, such as an estimated 250,000 from Uganda, are of long-standing. Others, like 116,000 from Chad, are recent. Of an estimated 650,000 Ethiopians, about 150,000 have arrived — in the last extremities of hunger and deprivation — in the past two or three months. The refugees place an ever-growing burden on the local population, and the number that are yet to come are forever being revised upwards.

In the Souk, Libya, a while ago, the single representative of Oxfam ran into a French diplomat distributing food by himself. And so was born the International Famine Relief Association, with foreign nationals joining forces with the Sudanese in collecting and distributing charitable donations in an

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Two children from the semi-nomadic Bejar tribe shelter at a Red Sea Hills camp. Up to 300,000 of the tribe are housed in camps after seven years of drought. Picture by Wendy Wallace

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Tributes as James Cameron dies after long illness



James Cameron — unerring insight

By Martin Woollacott, Foreign Editor

James Cameron, the most distinguished British journalist of his generation and in recent years a columnist for this paper, died yesterday at the age of 73. He had been seriously ill for some months.

As a reporter for the Daily Express he covered the end of the war in Europe and the Pacific, the Bikini atomic tests, Indian independence, and many other stories. Parting with the Express on an issue of principle, he joined Picture Post and later the News Chronicle, covering most of the wars and emergencies of the 1950s.

After the News Chronicle folded he went on to a free-lance career as a writer and also became an accomplished television journalist. His powerful style, in print and on television, his unerring moral sense, and his great gifts of observation and insight marked him out as pre-eminent among a talented array of post-war British foreign correspondents.

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He was seriously injured in a road crash on the border between India and what was then East Pakistan in 1971, and later underwent open heart surgery. Unable to rove the world in his old manner, he continued to write books and articles, and to appear on television.

Mr Cameron joined the Guardian in 1974 and his weekly column soon became one of the paper's most popular features. When his writing was interrupted by ill health in recent years, his absence provoked more inquiries from readers than disruption to any other regular feature.

His byline last appeared in the paper on October 30, when he described how he had celebrated the Hindu festival of Divali, at home in London and earlier in his career at a Maharajah's palace in India. He recalled that he had won so many silver rupees in one of the traditional gambling games at the Indian celebration that his trousers fell down under the weight of the money in his pockets.

Mr Cameron's widow, Moni, said that he had been deeply upset that ill health prevented him from writing about the famine in Ethiopia.

Although the funeral will be private and the family has requested no flowers, Mrs Cameron said that donations should be sent to the Ethiopian famine appeal.

There were many tributes to Mr Cameron, including one from the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, who said: "James Cameron was a sweet, brave man whose writing was sometimes like a bayonet, sometimes like a harp, but always brilliant and honest."

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Government holds its hard line on deal

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor.

Government spokesmen continued to insist yesterday that there had been no retreat or climb-down by the Prime Minister or the National Coal Board over the terms on which they were prepared to resume peace talks with the NUM.

But there remains strong evidence of a sharp difference of opinion between hawks and doves within the Government and the NCB over the kind of settlement that should be sought. The issue is whether the aim should be reconciliation and a speedy return to normality in the coalfields, or a clear and unequivocal victory over Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM President.

There are signs that some of the advice reaching Mrs Thatcher has been strongly hostile to the "no fudging" line she adopted in the Commons and on television last Thursday. The fear is that a tough line will make it impossible to pick up the pieces.

Certainly, some ministers and officials were horrified by the reaction to Mrs Thatcher's public espousal of the hard line. They believe that her tone with Mr Kinnock in the Commons, and later with Sir Alastair Burnet on channel 4's TV-Eye programme could only lose sympathy for the Government in its moment of victory.

This mood may have accounted for the sharp change of tone in Whitehall over the weekend. Whether it will have much practical effect on the outcome is an entirely different matter.

The official line yesterday was that there had been no backing away from the proposition laid down by the board and the Prime Minister on Thursday — namely that Mr Scargill had to make a written commitment to discussing the closure of uneconomic pits before he entered

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Guardian plans for expansion

By a Staff Reporter

THE Guardian today announces the biggest investment in its history — and for its future. The paper is to spend at least £15 million on building and equipping its own London printing plant.

Since the Guardian moved to London almost a quarter of a century ago and became a fully national paper we have leased Sunday Times presses under contract in Gray's Inn Road. The increasing sale and size of the paper in recent years, however, has virtually exhausted the available capacity in Gray's Inn Road.

If the Guardian is to have an opportunity to grow it needs extra capacity. Therefore we intend to move printing to a new, purpose-built plant on the Isle of Dogs in London's Dockland Development area, within

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Lack of cash 'killing' transplant patients

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The confidential report on the future of heart transplants, shortly to be sent to the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, shows that 68 patients have died waiting for the operation at Harefield Hospital, west London, and Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

Lack of donors was not the chief problem. In the first nine months of last year, according to the report, Harefield was forced to turn away 36 donated hearts which would have been suitable for patients, and Papworth rejected 29, simply because of lack of resources.

The goodwill of the two teams — they have been working out of hours on a shoestring budget to keep the programmes going — has been stretched to the point where their ability to absorb the extra work is in doubt, the report says.

The 300-page cost-benefit analysis of the heart transplant programmes by researchers at Brunel University and Cambridge, led by Dr Martin Buxton, was commissioned by ministers three years ago. Government decisions about the future of the service will be based on its findings.

The report, a copy of which has been passed to the Guardian, comes down heavily in favour of heart transplants as improving the quantity and quality of life. But it avoids making firm recommendations.

The researchers calculate that 900 people — possibly more than 1,200 — who die of heart disease each year could be saved by transplants. Each operation costs a basic £12,700 and the Government would need to find more than £11 million a year to finance the service.

By September 30 the teams led by Mr Magdi Yacoub at Harefield and Mr Terence English at Papworth had given new hearts to 221 patients — 149 were still alive — and 32 were on the waiting list, the report says.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Reagan's optimism

PRESIDENT Reagan is "optimistic, if not euphoric" about the chances of an arms agreement with the Soviet Union. Page 4.

Auschwitz parade

AUSCHWITZ survivors, led by groups of twins who were spared for biological experiments, were joined by Lech Walesa to lay wreaths on the 40th anniversary of the camp's liberation. Page 4.

Dunlop 'player'

A US wheeler-dealer has joined the takeover game involving Dunlop and the BTR combine. Page 19.

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SDP leaders have agreed to joint selection with the Liberals for seven parliamentary seats. Back page; Owen averts policy row, page 3.

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THE GUARDIAN apologises to readers in parts of the country who did not get copies of the paper on Saturday. This shortfall was due to a disagreement involving NGA chapels in our London composing room. We are very sorry.

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Journalist slips on tales of the well-oiled

From John Hooper in Geneva

When the Wall Street Journal's Energy Correspondent wrote last Friday that in Opec "the clash of egos sometimes bruises third parties," he could have had no idea how prophetic that statement would turn out to be.

For last night he faced being banned from covering the organisation's activities for reasons which had a lot to do with egos and little to do with oil.

His article set out to describe the "lavish circumstances" in which the organisation's oil ministers hold their meetings in Geneva and it did so by means of a string of anecdotes relating how — for example — the Qatari and Saudis vie for the Hotel Intercontinental's best, — and most expensive — suite.

One might have thought that a cartel which in its time has had the West begging for mercy might revel in the aura of wealth and power that surrounds it. But these are hard times for Opec and as it strives to prop up the price of oil in a buyer's market, its members are keen to get away from their Harold Robbins image of decadent extravagance.

Prof. Tam David-West, oil minister of debt-laden Nigeria, was less than delighted to be depicted "sharing a round of champagne in his room with aides and journalists," since the import of champagne into Nigeria was recently banned.

He claimed to reporters yesterday that there had been only one journalist present — the Journal's correspondent, and that he had been the one drinking the champagne. The Journal's man denied this.

Mr. Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, who represents an almost equally indebted Venezuela, was more than a little vexed to be reported dining with his aides at $50 a head, and Sheik Yamani of Saudi Arabia apparently disputed the $300,000 price tag which the Journal attached to his armour-plated Rolls.

But it seems that what really upset the delegates was the description of "a procession of $200-a-night to $1,000-a-night female escorts strolling to the elevator."

Now, they may of course be waiting for their boy friends, but one cannot help but notice that there are an awful lot of exceptionally beautiful women in the lobby who never seem to have a light.

But there again, no one is saying that the article was actually inaccurate — give or take a hundred thousand of Sheik Yamani's Rolls! — just that it was unfair. "You go to any international conference and you'll find whores in the lobby," one angry delegate protested.

When the Journal's correspondent applied yesterday for his accreditation he was told that it had been "temporarily suspended."

What seems particularly to have annoyed the ministers and officials here is that the offending journalist, Youssef Ibrahim, is an Arab.

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Supreme stylist and outstanding reporter of troubled era

OBITUARY

Tom Baistow pays a fellow professional's tribute to James Cameron, the veteran journalist, who died at his home in London yesterday at the age of 73.

"GOD save us from all that *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* crap," exclaimed James Cameron one day, shaking with laughter as he read out snatches of an unctuous Times obituary of some friend, foe or bore he had encountered on his endless travels.

We were sitting in the foreign room of the News Chronicle, to which I had enticed him without difficulty from the Mirror, with a Cadbury pittance, just over half his previous salary, and the promise that he could write as much as he liked about whatever he liked.

I didn't reveal that the editor had asked for my personal assurance that Cameron wasn't a Communist. In fact, although Jimmie was a socialist by conviction and an internationalist by upbringing, he was never a member of any party. "I'm a member of the human race, and that's enough," was his cryptic explanation.

So, in deference to his loathing of official hypocrisy and formal cant, this is a personal memoir, as frank as one can be about an old friend and colleague with so much *bonum* in his complex make-up. In any case, the only obit that would do Cameron justice would be one he wrote himself.

For not only was he the outstanding reporter of his troubled age and a supreme stylist whose mastery of the telling phrase and the illuminating image made even his most sombre dispatches compelling reading or viewing, but he possessed a degree of self-knowledge that is as rare in Fleet Street as the compassion that informed his coverage of man's inhumanity to man.

His writing needs no bush, but a word about his character may help to flesh out the most respected byline in modern journalism. The foreign correspondent's job is, of course, one long expenses-paid ego trip and Cameron had the kind of complicated psyche that so often distinguishes the very gifted — a potent mixture of driving vanity and true modesty, of unaffected gentleness and high courage.

The vanity and courage were never better displayed than when he was awarded the Prix Italia for his radio play, The Pump, based on the heart operation that fitted him with what he called his electronics after his terrible accident in Bangladesh.

He was back in the National Heart Hospital for a replacement pacemaker, looking very low, seeing no one but his wife, Moni, his family and myself (in my odd role as Tammas, his father figure, although younger).

I arrived at the ward with a book and a bottle of the "cratur," two of his staples, anxious about what I might find. "The worst" flashed across my mind—in his corner bed lay a huddled figure whose life was bleeping spasmodically on the cathode ray screen alongside. I rushed off in search of the sister.

Coldly, she eyed my bottle. "Mr Cameron saw fit to discharge himself this morning," she sniffed, "apparently he's won some prize or other." Jimmie was already in Venice, enjoying every minute of it. "A most welcome change from hospital routine—three days of non-stop champagne," was his only comment when he got back for his "refit."

Much as he affected to deplore the numbing fatigue of ceaseless jetting, Jimmie loved nothing better than to jump into planes of all sizes and vintages to report the world's crises, and the farther away from London they were erupting the better. To Cameron, a natural cosmopolite since his early schooldays in France, Britain was, professionally, a rather boring place.

He was a journalists' journalist, the total pro to his spatulate fingertips. Indefatigable in the search for the real story behind the overt event, reporting the travails of his beloved India, canoeing up the Congo to see—and see through—Albert Schweitzer, yak-backing into Tibet, first into Mao's China, flying into the horror of Vietnam.

Not least, he was completely free of the tiresome prima donna delusions about the sanctity of their copy that erode the balance of too many successful newspapermen. Many of his best cables carried the rider: "Leave you to delete padding." There wasn't any, of course.

Cameron's gifts were as celtic and hereditary as the light and shade of his volatile temperament. His grandfather was a Highland divine, an t-Urramach Feorghas *Camshron*, whose Gaelic ecclesiastical writings won him local renown, and his father was a lawyer turned journalist and author under the name Mark Allerton.

In the best tradition, young Cameron began filling editorial paste pots at 16, for 15 shillings a week, coming up the hard way through the educative rigours of an apprenticeship in D. C. Thomson's dreary Dundee wordmill, where a laddie was expected to do a man's job and be quick about it. Escaping to the Scottish Daily Express in Glasgow, he could now afford to marry his first love, Elma.

It was an idyllic, cruelly brief, marriage, chronicled so poignantly in his autobiography Point of Departure, a book that all Cameron admirers must read.

Turned down for the forces because of "organic cardiac disease" (an omen of things to come), he spent the war in the Express's black palace in Fleet Street, unhappily subbing other people's copy until, by his own account, he was made a foreign correspondent "because I made such a balls-up as chief sub."

In no time his brilliant, original coverage made him Lord Beaverbook's golden-haired boy. But the Beaver's reactionary view of the changing post-war world gnawed at Cameron's conscience and the last straw came when the Express, in a disgraceful "Red"-smear campaign, linked John Strachey, a Labour minister, by implication with Fuchs, the atom spy: he resigned.

Soon he was the brightest star in that great magazine, Picture Post. But again his principles got in the way when its owner, Edward Hulton, fired the editor, (Sir) Tom Hopkinson, for trying to publish Cameron's searing revelations of the corruption and brutality of the American-backed Syngman Ree regime in South Korea. Again, Cameron resigned.

It was a courageous decision: Fleet Street editors do not, on the whole, like hiring journalists who consistently put their conscience before the proprietor's policies no matter how big their byelines.

Jimmie was a tall, raffishly elegant figure in those days, the most dashing of roving foreign correspondents with the most roving eye in that lady-killing branch of what he always referred to as "our trade." Reporting the foreign scene is by its nature a gregarious business, and Cameron could be the wit, if not the life and soul, of the party when he was not off beguiling some hypnotised female who had caught that appraising agate eye of his.

Yet at heart he was a very private person, a natural loner who in reality enjoyed only the company of his immediate family or a handful of cronies, as in the regular lunch we shared with the late Vicky, Michael Foot, Geoffrey Goodman and Arthur Horner, creator of Colonel Pewter. To know him well was to sense the strain of melancholy he hid beneath a satirical vein of fun. The deep wound of Elma's death never really healed.

At that high-pressure period of his career, divided between writing and making television programmes, he was, by his own admission, a difficult man to live with and in the late sixties he and his second wife, Elizabeth O'Conor, parted.

Cameron was often accused of wearing his heart on his sleeve but, to paraphrase Churchill "some heart." He did not just write pieces for effect and praise, although he enjoyed that to the full: above all he wanted his readers/viewers to know the truth as he was able to witness and interpret it. This inherited evangelical strain was never more powerfully demonstrated than in his devastating coverage of America's exhibition of its new atomic power at Bikini in 1946 — an experience that made him a founding father, and life-long publicist, of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

It was the bitterest of ironies that he suffered the dreadful injuries which ended his roving career in a quixotic dash from his honeymoon in India to the Bangladesh front in 1971, not on any media assignment to cover the way as such but as a voluntary observer in an attempt to bring home to the outside world the plight of the millions of peasants fleeing Pakistan brutality.

His good luck, as he never tired of pointing out, was that he had just married Moni Sarkar, this wonderful woman from South India. With her devoted nursing and the skill of "those splendid plumbers of the National Health Service" Cameron, part-crippled but unbowed, was writing again before long; first, his play, then the moving An Indian Summer, dedicated "to Moni, who gave me her heart's blood and my life's hope." Sharing his relatively rare blood group, she had given it literally when, as he put it, "they drained my stump and gave me a refill."

We, too, owe her a debt of gratitude for the loving care which restored him to his public for more than another decade.

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Ponting test for Whitehall freedom

By Richard Norton-Taylor

There is some basis in British law and administrative practice for an official accused of unauthorised disclosure to justify his action as being in the public interest, the independent Policy Studies Institute (PSI) says today in a report which coincides with the opening of the Ponting secrets trial in the Old Bailey.

The report also says that it is highly unlikely that an American civil servant in circumstances comparable to Mr Ponting, could be convicted of a criminal offence under US law.

The clearest expression of the circumstances in which a British civil servant has a duty beyond loyalty to his minister is contained in an official Whitehall report named Legal Entitlements and Administrative Practices, the PSI says.

In constitutional terms, according to the Whitehall report, published in 1979, a minister is responsible for the actions of his departmental staff.

But it adds: "This, however, does not absolve the individual civil servant from his obligation to act within the law in carrying out his duties; if he breaks the law he cannot seek to excuse himself in terms of the constitutional responsibility of his minister."

The Whitehall committee which wrote the report was set up after the Ombudsman had condemned civil servants who had deliberately underpaid benefits to disabled ex-service men and misled them about their rights.

The Scottish Lord Advocate's Department said about the case that in Scotland "there would be 'fraudulent silence' if an official had previously given information which he subsequently discovered to be incorrect and failed to communicate the true situation if that failure would result in the person remaining ignorant of a right to claim."

Mr Ponting is charged under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act with sending two documents about the Belgrano Affair to the Labour MP, Mr Tam Dalyell. One of the documents sent to Mr Dalyell showed how the Ministry of Defence planned to withhold information from the Commons foreign affairs committee.

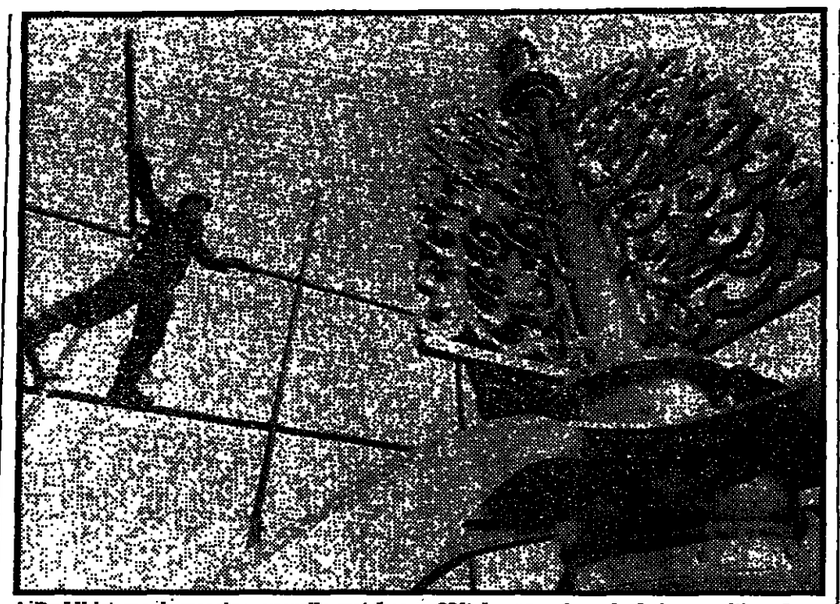
It has already been made clear that the trial could be a test case for section 2, (1)(a) of the Official Secrets Act, which declares that a civil servant does not commit an offence if he communicates official information to "a person to whom it is in the interests of the state his duty to communicate it" even if he has not been specifically authorised to do so by his superiors.

The PSI report says that the law makes no attempt to define who such "a person" might be. The 1972 Franks Report which recommended that repeal of section 2 of the Officials Secrets Act said that the Act provided no guidance on the interpretation of these words. But in practice, it said, "implicit authorisation to disclose official information is regarded as flowing from the nature of each Crown servant's job."

The PSI report refers to the US Civil Service Reform Act—passed in 1978 after the Watergate affair. This protects civil servants who leak information which they believe reveals "mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety."

(The Ponting Dilemma—Secrecy, the Civil Servant and the Public Interest. Available free from Policy Studies Institute 1-2 Castle Lane, London, SW1E 6DR).

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A Buddhist monk wearing overalls watches a 33ft bronze pinnacle being positioned on the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, London, on Saturday. Below: a nun and monk of the Nipponzan Myohoji order, which is building the pagoda as a gift to London.

Pictures by Jeremy Nicholl



Price of extra policing estimated at £180m

Pits peace will hit profits of hauliers

By Geoff Andrews, Transport Correspondent

AN END to the coal dispute could be depressing for hundreds of road hauliers who see the end of a bonanza operation which has saved many from bankruptcy.

While they hotly dispute tales that one man and a lorry could earn £1,500 a week on what pickets called the golden run from pithead to power station, they do concede that providing a power lifeline has kept them off the bread line, and that the Central Electricity Generating Board has paid realistic rates for the job.

Now, with most pithead stockpiles gone and power station stocks topped up by their round-the-clock operations, hauliers will soon be back to trading on an open market where costs have gone through the roof during the dispute. In the past month the price of diesel fuel has risen by more than 10 per cent.

There is also the question of threatened black-listing by the NUM of all companies involved in the trade, although pickets admitted that they had given up the task of taking names and numbers of vehicles crossing their lines because there were too many.

In the Nottingham area, with its concentration of power stations around the Trent, the turnout of lorries has been massive, according to pickets. "Most of them seem to be one-man outfits, and they have come from Wales, Birmingham, and Liverpool, among other places, to judge by the accents," said David English, at the South Nottinghamshire strike centre.

The lorry drivers have kept a low profile, dividing their time between work and sleep, with a second man to keep the vehicle going round the clock.

That way it would be possible for a 32-ton tipper to earn £8,000 a month, according to Mr Roger Hobby, chairman of the Road Haulage Association's national tipper service, and himself a haulage contractor in the Midlands. But that was not wages.

Fuel costs, at seven miles a gallon could total £100 a day, and standing costs, including depreciation and road tax would, for a new vehicle, add about £80 more.

He admits that there is a cowboy element, particularly in tipping.

With the end of the dispute, few people doubt that the railways will regain their monopoly on power station supplies because of environmental pressures and the efficiency of the merry-go-round system which generates almost half BR's total freightrail income.

Coal strike 'has cost Government £2.4bn'

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

The Government's bill for the 11-month-old miners' strike is now estimated to have risen to £2.4 billion. The estimate, prepared for London Weekend TV's Weekend World by the economists Gavyn Davies and Jim Skea, assesses only the direct cost to the public sector from the dispute and takes no account of the impact on the national economy.

In total the stoppage is estimated to have reached £5.2 billion, the equivalent of 2 per cent of gross national product. Official figures from the Central Statistical Office indicate that the cost is around £3.5 billion.

Davies and Skea put the cost to the coal industry so far at £952 million, while the bill for the electricity industry is now £719 million. In addition, they calculate that some £271 million has been lost in income tax payments and £47 million in social security. The cost of extra policing is estimated at £139 million and the loss to the British Steel Corporation is also put at £139 million.

The new figures calculate the cost of the stoppage only until the end of January, though the economists point out that by the end of March the Government's bill for the dispute will have risen to £2.75 billion.

However, the monthly bill for the strike is expected to decline as spring approaches and power stations require less oil to replace coal.

Paul Hoyland adds: **The National Coal Board's director in South Wales, Mr Philip Week's yesterday urged the area's 19,000 striking miners to return to work immediately, because there were no longer any good reasons for staying out.**

Despite a South Wales miners' delegate conference decision last Friday to continue the dispute until there was a settlement, Mr Weekes appealed for a substantial return today.

The area is regarded as the union's last bastion in the dispute with less than 2 per cent of the workforce reporting for duty. National Union of Mineworkers officials have claimed that colliery management will be vindictive if there is a return to work without an "honourable settlement," but Mr Weekes said that the men had nothing to fear.

The miners should be putting "this whole sorry and miserable dispute" behind them, he said. "We have lost quite enough ground and seen quite enough damage to the coal field without adding to that burden."

The board was anxious to repair damage at the area's 28 pits and to recover markets lost during the strike, he added.

Diplomat at ease with the powerful

THE fifth Baron Harlech, who died after a car crash in Shropshire on Saturday at the age of 66, was a politician, diplomat, film censor and television tycoon with a marked gift for friendship with the colourful and influential.

It served him well in all his mercurial guises, from his 11-year period — as David Ormsby-Gore — as Conservative MP for Oswestry to his chairmanship of Harlech Television and his four-year period, from 1961 to 1965, as British Ambassador in Washington.

In Washington Lord Harlech, the product of Eton and New College, Oxford, found the Americans receptive to what they thought of as his typically British appearance — tall and lean, the nose more prominent than the chin. He became a confidant of President Kennedy well beyond the call of duty, and is widely credited with helping Kennedy to keep a steady hand when the Russians were trying to bring missiles into Cuba.

He had first met John F. Kennedy when Kennedy was a 21-year-old student at the London School of Economics, and close family links developed. Kennedy's sister, Kathleen, married Lord Harlech's cousin, and Harlech himself married Kathleens' best friend, Sylvia Lloyd Thomas. But it was his sophistication rather than an accident of acquaintance which endeared him to Kennedy, as it did to Kennedy's widow after the assassination.

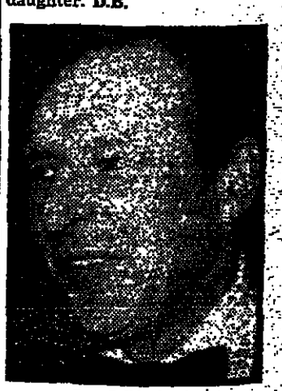
Though his political career seemed at an end when he went to Washington — he assumed the title on the death of his father while he was there — he briefly became deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords in 1966.

By then he was already president of the British Board of Film Censors, and it was in areas outside party politics that an essentially lightweight politician became a respected counsellor.

He was chairman and then president of the housing charity, Shelter, chairman of the European Movement, a trustee of the Tate Gallery, a member of the advisory committee of the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the chairman of the Kennedy Memorial Trust.

He married twice, his first wife also dying in a car crash. His eldest son shot himself after drug and alcohol problems and his son, Francis Ormsby-Gore, succeeds him as sixth baron at the age of 31.

His second wife, whom he married in 1969, was Pamela Colin, formerly the London editor of the fashion magazine, Vogue, by whom he had a daughter. D.B.



Lord Harlech

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hearing by NUJ

THE executive of the National Union of Journalists is to set up a disciplinary panel to hear complaints against the union's general secretary, Mr Ken Ashton, and five members of last year's executive.

The five-man disciplinary panel will be acting upon a 60-page report prepared with the help of a firm of accountants after an internal union inquiry, detailing pension fund transactions and arrangements to increase Mr Ashton's pension rights. Mr Ashton has been on paid leave pending the inquiry.

A simultaneous inquiry concerning the pension fund rights of the union's finance officer, Mr Niranjin Paik, has ended with Mr Paik being fully exonerated.

THE LABOUR MP Dr Mark Hughes, Labour's agriculture spokesman, announced at the weekend that he would stand down rather than face a reselection battle for the marginal City of Durham seat, *writes Martin Linton.*

Dr Hughes, who is 52, has had to fight for the nomination in the past and has survived by two votes and three votes. He said he had come to the conclusion that another close selection battle would cost Labour the seat which he held with a majority of only 1,973 over the Alliance.

POLICE in Northern Ireland were last night questioning more than a dozen men detained at a military style training camp, near Craigavon at the weekend. The men were dressed in paramilitary style clothing and some carried CB radios. It is thought that all the members of the group come from Protestant East Belfast. No weapons were found.

UNIONS representing Ford workers throughout Europe agreed in Geneva yesterday to support any industrial action "up to and including occupation" agreed by any of them in the event of the company closing a plant, *writes John Ardill.*

The meeting, called by the International Metalworkers' Federation, followed a speech last week by the head of Ford Europe, Mr Bob Lutz, seen as hinting that a plant may be closed to reduce capacity.

FORENSIC scientists will today examine the attic flat in London where a man shot himself on Friday after a two-and-a-half day police siege.

Anthony Baldessare, aged 45, was found dead in the flat at Gleneldon Road, Streatham. A post-mortem examination will be held today.

POLICE are investigating an arson attack at the weekend which damaged a bungalow owned by Miss Hilda Murrell, a leading anti-nuclear campaigner who was murdered 10 months ago. The isolated bungalow, more than a mile from the village of Lanymynech in Powys, suffered structural damage.

A MEMORIAL to WPC Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan People's Bureau in London, will be unveiled by Mrs Thatcher on Friday.

Trail of clues for the Sizewell sleuth

By Gareth Parry

A foreign company which builds nuclear reactors was yesterday believed likely to be the client of a consultancy firm which used a private detective agency to discover information about objectors appearing at the Sizewell power station inquiry.

The agency was hired to discover the names, addresses and political leanings of objectors, and that presented no problem. All the information was freely available, from the secretariat of the inquiry into the proposed £1.2 billion power station, or from reading newspapers.

The Observer newspaper yesterday said that a firm of security consultants run by a former military intelligence officer declined to name who had commissioned the operation, which was also set to discover protesters' links with the media. But the Guardian understands that the foreign company was interested in assessing the quality and strength of objection to Britain's first pressurised water reactor, in order to plan its own future building strategy.

The detective quickly gathered the names and addresses of involved pressure groups, including the Town and Country Planning Association, the East Anglian Alliance, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and CND.

The report noted that Friends of the Earth shared offices in London "with a number of organisations of the extreme left." Friends of the Earth had at the time been listed in the telephone book as being at 9, Poland Street, London W1, an address occupied by a number of ginger groups and owned by the Rowntree Trust, formed by the chocolate-making Quaker family.

All names and addresses of groups and individuals taking part in Britain's longest-ever public inquiry have to be formally lodged with the secretariat. These details are freely available at the secretariat's office at Snape Maltings.

The Central Electricity Generating Board, which plans to build the Sizewell power station, said: "All parties in the inquiry have shown their hands. We are not the clients, and we would in no sense be involved in that sort of practice, and indeed we could not see what use the information would be. It's the evidence that matters, and has done all the way through, no matter what the antecedents of individuals might be."

BMA's plea to Europe

By Andrew Veitch

The president of the British Medical Association, Sir Douglas Black, has asked the president of the European Commission, Mr Jacques Delors, to intervene to prevent the Government going ahead with its scheme to limit NHS drugs.

The BMA has some doubts about whether the Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, has established objective criteria for placing drugs on the black list, says Sir Douglas. The Government may therefore be in breach of European law. "We would ask that the commission intervene as a matter of considerable urgency."

Shortage of secure beds after a decade

Stephen Cook reports how courts are hamstrung over dangerous offenders

The Department of Health, which decided 10 years ago that the country needed 1,000 beds for mentally ill offenders in secure units of psychiatric hospitals, has revealed that there are still only 120.

Seven of the country's 15 health regions have established such units, and the number of beds they provide is expected to rise to 264 later this year. Two other regions are expected to open units later this year, adding 128 more beds, and four more units providing a further 170 beds are at various stages of planning.

Just over half the necessary beds are available or in prospect, therefore, and two health regions have not yet responded, because of their own assessment of local priorities, to the department's invitation to submit plans and claim funds for secure units.

The figures were given last week, the day after the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, criticised the shortage of facilities for mentally-ill offenders. He was dealing with the case of Miss Wendy Porter, an arsonist diagnosed as mentally disordered, who spent many months in prison without treatment but is now in Moss Side Special Hospital in Manchester.

Lord Lane was the latest of a string of judges who have complained over more than a decade at the way the courts are sometimes left with no alternative but prison for offenders who have been diagnosed as mentally ill and ideally should be committed to a hospital for treatment.

Latest government figures show over 300 people in prison who have been formally identified as mentally ill under the specific and tightly-drawn criteria of the Mental Health Act. Some informal assessments, meanwhile, suggest that up to two-thirds of the country's 42,000 prisoners, while not meeting those criteria, are mentally disturbed.

The country has four special hospitals — Broadmoor, Rampton, Moss Side, and Park Lane — which are run by the Department of Health and intended for the most dangerous mentally ill offenders. Possible candidates are sometimes turned away on the grounds that they are not severely disturbed and that places should be kept for the most acute minority.

Regional secure units are considered necessary for people who are not accepted by special hospitals but present too much of a risk to go into the ordinary wards of mental hospitals. Beds in secure units, however, can sometimes be denied to people because the hospital decides that it does not want them, for a variety of reasons.

The Mental Health Act 1983 does not give the courts powers to override a hospital's wishes and order it to take a patient, except in the small number of cases where a plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" has been accepted by a jury.

It does, however, provide for several courses of action which might eventually reduce the problem of the courts being left with no choice but prison for an abnormal offender.

The court can summon an official of the local health authority to explain why the person cannot be admitted to hospital, and it can make an order requiring a hospital to accept somebody for assessment. The latter provision only came into force three months ago.

Miss Lydia Sinclair, legal officer of the mental health charity MIND, said "The courts have an inadequate set of alternatives and powers. A lot of eminent judges have made forceful statements but nothing much has happened yet."

Dr Richard Smith, the assistant editor of the British Medical Journal, who has written a book about medical treatment in prisons, said:

"Even if all the regional secure units were built, we cannot be confident that all the mentally ill will be out of prison and all will be OK. It's not yet clear what sort of people the units will take, and for how long. And only this week the National Schizophrenia Association has warned that the closure of the big mental hospitals is going to lead to more mentally ill people ending up in prison."

Research shows 900 heart operations a year would cost nearly £12m

Report calls for more transplants

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Heart transplants could save 900 lives a year at a cost of nearly £12 million says the report upon which the future of Britain's transplant programme depends.

The Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, ordered the report three years ago. The final version has just been completed, and he will receive the 300 pages of detailed analysis, marked confidential, soon.

It comes down heavily in favour of heart transplants, but warns that ministers should no longer rely on the dedication of hospital staff to make up for lack of cash.

Sixty-eight patients have died waiting for transplants. Harefield refused 36 donated hearts which would have been suitable for patients in the first nine months of last year, and Papworth rejected 29, because of lack of resources.

The analysis of the costs and benefits of the transplant programmes at Harefield and Papworth is the work of Dr Martin Buxton and his team at Cambridge and Brunel universities.

Ministers will use their report to decide whether to give long-term support to the two units. Until now both have been funded on an ad hoc, rather insecure basis, the report says.

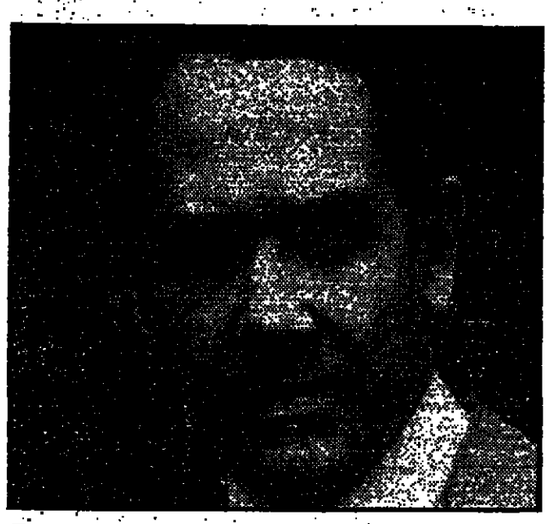
Each was given £218,000 for this financial year, but the Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, had to find another £150,000 for each when they ran out of money in the autumn. Each has been promised £800,000 for 1985-86.

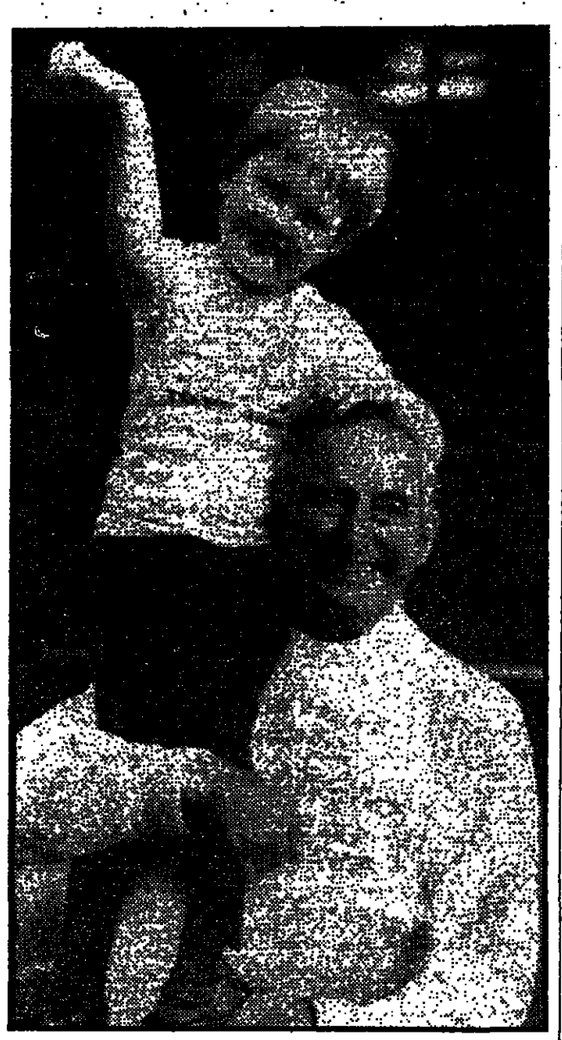
The two units had given new hearts to 221 patients by September 30 and 149 were still alive. Seven had received second transplants and 32 were on the waiting list. Only patients with end-stage heart disease are accepted and without transplants they would be expected to die within nine months.

Mr Magdi Yacoub's team at Harefield, west London, takes patients up to 59-years-old and Mr Terence English at Papworth, near Cambridge, takes those aged 15 to 50. The report reveals that men outnumber women by 14 to one.

Hearts come from donors who have suffered irretrievable brain damage. Most are young men killed in road accidents and 112 of them were under 24. The report emphasises that it is not shortage of donors but of money which limits the programme.

Each transplant costs £12,700, including the first six months of post-operative treatment. Added to this are the costs of removing the heart from the donor (£1,100); the surgeons (more than £3,500 a year at each hospital); social workers (£1,600 a year at Harefield, £5,300 at Papworth); and assessment before the operation (£1,100 at Harefield, £429 at Papworth).





Terence English (above) and (below) Magdi Yacoub. Keith Castle (right), who has survived five years, is with Nicola Harvey, who has a pacemaker.



The second six months costs an average of £3,100 per patient, and each subsequent six months about £2,500, of which about £1,500 is accounted for by the anti-rejection drug, cyclosporin.

Fourteen patients have survived for three years, 38 for two years, 83 for a year and 115 for six months. The figures show that seven out of 10 patients can expect to live for a year after a transplant, and just over half can expect to live for three years.

Survival rates have improved substantially since the introduction of cyclosporin.

The effects of end-stage heart disease are devastating, says the report. The researchers interviewed 90 patients, most of them angry, bitter, frustrated, and depressed. "I feel useless," said one. "My life is dwindling into an existence."

Ten per cent were bedridden and most had given up all social activities.

A 22-year-old told them: "People laugh at me because I'm so skinny because of the illness. I can't get clothes to fit me, and I haven't got a girl friend."

Only a minority were frightened of the operation, though one said: "It worries the pants off me." Most said they were not concerned about receiving someone else's heart, but a fifth said they were sorry that someone had to die so they might benefit.

The change in outlook and health after the operation was remarkable. Nearly half had returned to work after six months and three-quarters were working within two years (96 per cent had been unable to work before the operation).

Almost all could walk a mile after six months, 95 per cent said their social lives were back to normal, and family relationship had also improved. One said: "It's better than it's ever been. My temper isn't as bad."

Activities included walking, cycling, swimming and golf and one patient went skiing within 12 months of the operation. Patients talked about living life to the full, making up for lost time, and perhaps most importantly, sharing activities with their children.

The two main indications for heart transplants are ischaemic heart disease (a blockage in the blood supply) and cardiomyopathy (damaged heart muscle). If transplants were restricted to the under-fifties, the demand among these patients by the early 1990s would range from 400 to more than 1,200 a year, the researchers calculate.

If the age-limit were raised—Harefield is already operating successfully on over fifties—the numbers would rise substantially.

The researchers propose a figure of 900 transplants a year, about 10 times the number performed in 1984.

They would cost nearly £12 million a year and their upper figure of 1,200 well over £15 million a year.

Since there would be many more survivors needing continual supplies of drugs, the costs would be far greater.

The researchers have used a model of 60 transplants a year to show how these costs build up, assuming that no patient survives more than 11 years (an ungenerous assumption, they admit). The "stock" of surviving patients and expenditure increases until, after 11 years, a steady state is reached. The health service would be paying for an estimated 250 survivors on top of the 60 transplants a year.

An initial annual cost for the 60 transplants of £1.1 million would rise in 11 years to £2.3 million. They avoid calculating the cost for their figure of 900 a year.

Owen defuses policy-making row on issue of plastic bullets

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, defused tension between two policy-making bodies at the weekend by persuading supporters to drop a demand for an immediate ban on plastic bullets.

The tension had grown in recent weeks over the right of the SDP policy committee, supported by Dr Owen to overturn a decision taken by the Council for Social Democracy last year calling for the ban on plastic bullets, pending an inquiry.

But at a weekend council in Birmingham, Dr Owen appeared assured of avoiding any fundamental changes to the party's constitution when the debate about the power of the policy committee over the council is raised at the Council for Social Democracy in London in May.

Dr Owen was adamant that the present structure, preventing the policy-forming council from tying the hands of party spokesmen, should remain unchanged. He said that the committee was not trying to override the council but it was important that the two sides should trust each other and solve differences through negotiation.

By doing so Dr Owen prevented a potentially damaging dispute from growing into a constitutional power struggle between the rank and file and the party leadership.

At the weekend meeting there was a heated debate about the use of plastic bullets. The former SDP MP, Mr Tom McNally, accused the policy committee of acting in a high-handed manner.

Dr Owen said: "We are saying it is our best judgment that the right way to proceed is first to push for an inquiry and persuade the Government to have an inquiry and then to take a judgment on whether or not we should ban plastic bullets."

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Britton, had said that he would meet Dr Owen to discuss an inquiry into the use of plastic bullets after consulting colleagues over the next few weeks. The European Court of Human Rights rejected an appeal that the use of the bullets was a breach of the convention, but concern remained about the injuries they can cause.

The use of plastic bullets is also to be reviewed by an SDP working party on law and order. The SDP conference in the autumn is expected to hold a debate on Ulster.

A joint SDP-Liberal commission is working on an Alliance policy on Ulster. It is understood that Mr Bob Maclennan, the SDP MP for Caithness, is relinquishing his Northern Ireland portfolio in the Commons.

- Mr Mike Thomas, a member of the policy committee, confirmed that the party would be campaigning for a "no" vote in the ballot about trade union political funds, if the unions refused to hold specific ballots on Labour Party affiliation.
- Soviet participation in Britain's VE-Day celebrations will be demanded in the Commons tonight by Mr John Cartwright, the SDP MP for Woolwich.

He would like Britain to mark its co-operation with Russia during the war, particularly with the Murmansk convoys, possibly with an exchange visit by the two navies.

- The council also adopted an emergency resolution calling for research on the US Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) to be suspended during the arms negotiations between America and the Soviet Union.

The council agreed to a campaign aimed at recruiting more young supporters to the SDP but rejected a policy of lowering the voting age to 16.

SDP's budget challenge

By Colin Brown

Conservative Party rebels were urged yesterday to form a coalition with the Alliance and Labour MPs to force the Chancellor to change his budget strategy from tax cuts to job creation.

The wets were accused by Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, SDP industry spokesman, of shying away from voting against the Government. But he told the Council for Social Democracy, meeting in Birmingham: "There is no doubt in my mind if they get up and vote they could change the whole strategy of the forthcoming budget."

The SDP would be demanding a £1.5 billion package of job creation schemes instead of tax cuts, he said.

The former Labour MP, Mr Bruce Douglas Mann, said: "We will never win a general election on being the lesser evil. We have got to generate positive enthusiasm that only we can solve the problems of this country. We have got the policies but we don't get them across."

Sovereignty 'a must for Ulster agenda'

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

Mrs Thatcher will have to abandon her "monumental precondition" over sovereignty if the problem of Northern Ireland is to be solved, Mr John Hume, leader of the province's Social Democratic and Labour Party, said at the weekend.

Speaking at the party's annual conference in Belfast, the Westminster and European MP told cheering supporters that if the British and Irish governments could sit down without such preconditions a framework for peace could be found.

Mr Hume, in a speech which reflected the setting of the party's face firmly towards Dublin, argued that sovereignty should not be an immutable principle.

Britain and the Irish Republic already pooled sovereignty in the EEC. Mr Hume claimed that there could be no greater derogation of sovereignty than the siting of another country's nuclear weapons on a nation's territory.

Mr Hume said it was a continued mistake for the British to see themselves as the referees of "our tragic conflict" when they were the principle participants.

He repeatedly referred to the New Ireland Forum report — with its options of a unitary state, a federal model and joint authority, all brutally dismissed by Mrs Thatcher — as the best and clearest hope for peace in Ireland, north and south.

That theme was echoed later in a speech by the party's deputy leader, Mr Seamus Mallon, who said that the SDLP would not be "shouldered away" from the forum report by Mrs Thatcher.



John Hume (left) and Seamus Mallon

"Let the lady understand that this party is not for turning in relation to that report, which represents something new in Irish politics," he said.

Mr Mallon told the conference that the Northern Ireland arrangement involved a British dimension through representation in Westminster. Would Unionists who talked about an internal arrangement be prepared for a similar set-up in Dublin?

In recent weeks Unionists have sought talks with the SDLP after warnings from the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, that the minority community had to be accomodated.

This May will see an electoral clash with Sinn Fein, political wing of the IRA, at the local government elections. The SDLP has sharpened its nationalist position, becoming more "green."

The conference voted, as expected, in favour of disbanding the Ulster Defence Regiment. One of its most vociferous critics, Mr Maleri, claimed that the regiment was a bar to political progress and constituted the greatest single factor in alienation among northern nationalists.

Community radio plan gets keen response

By Dennis Barker

At least 30 groups around the country are poised to seek approval for setting up of community radio stations after the Home Secretary's statement this week that he would approve a system of stations serving smaller communities than the existing BBC and Independent Local Radio.

The groups, an amalgam of broadcasting buffs and community workers, include one in Shetland — which has already put a 30-page submission to the Home Secretary — and another in Orkney, which wishes to set up and run two community radio stations, one for music and the other for more general community topics.

There is a fair sprinkling of groups in areas where existing reception on BBC or ILR is poor — north Essex, north Devon and Bognor Regis. But one man recently told the Community Radio Association, which represents the hopeful groups, that he wanted to set up a station in Knightsbridge, London.

Mr Brittan mentioned the possibility that stations would cover "special interest groups," perhaps of an ethnic nature. Some Cypriot and Indian stations which had been operating illegally as pirates until a recent crackdown are now expected to apply for licences.

Universities and student unions will also be strongly involved in this sort of broadcasting, which the Government believes will to some extent preempt existing pirates. Universities with scattered halls of residence and other buildings — such as Hull — already have student radio stations and some would like to broadcast to the community at large.

Two hundred individuals or groups have contacted the Home Office in the past two years about the possibility of running community radio stations. But many have lost interest because of the lack of government commitment to introduce community radio.

Councils in fight over pay deal timing

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

Local authority employers, who face a threat of industrial action by 900,000 manual workers over a refusal to concede a change in the pay settlement date, have received a similar demand from 600,000 white collar workers.

The main white collar union, Nalgo, is asking its members to support plans for a nine-month claim running from the current settlement date of July 1 to April 1, 1986. Its local government committee is also proposing a 7 per cent pay claim — the same as last year — worth £10 a head.

Last year's claim was settled only last week, with an arbitration award giving increases of between 4.6 per cent and 5.6 per cent. The total value of the deal, including improvements for residential social workers, was 5.1 per cent on the pay bill.

Negotiations with the manual unions broke down on Friday when the employers made a final offer of 4.75 per cent, with no change in the settlement date. Unions say the offer, worth £3.70 a week to full-time workers, would cut living standards for the sixth successive year.

The manual unions want to move away from their November settlement date because they believe they will never get fair treatment at the start of the annual negotiating round. They originally asked for a move to April but then shifted to July.

The employers, believed to be under strong pressure from the Government to reject an April or July date, were prepared to discuss a move to September or October but the manual unions saw this as still at the beginning of the round.

Teaching unions, which are already taking unofficial action and open pay negotiations today, may also become involved in a dispute. Their settlement date is already April. This is also the settlement date for white collar civil servants and NHS staff. The TUC favours an alignment of government commitment to introduce community radio.

£750 Falklands rescue bill 'unfair'

By Gareth Parry

A former teacher in the Falklands who brought his pregnant wife back to Britain on medical advice because she was not getting enough food is now being threatened with legal proceedings by the Official Solicitor unless he pays £750 for the journey.

Mr Graham Hyde, aged 41, said yesterday he believed the bill was "unfair and unjustified".

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that before he left the Falklands, Mr Hyde had signed a form agreeing to pay for the journey home. He had also failed to reply to a number of letters sent to him about the matter.

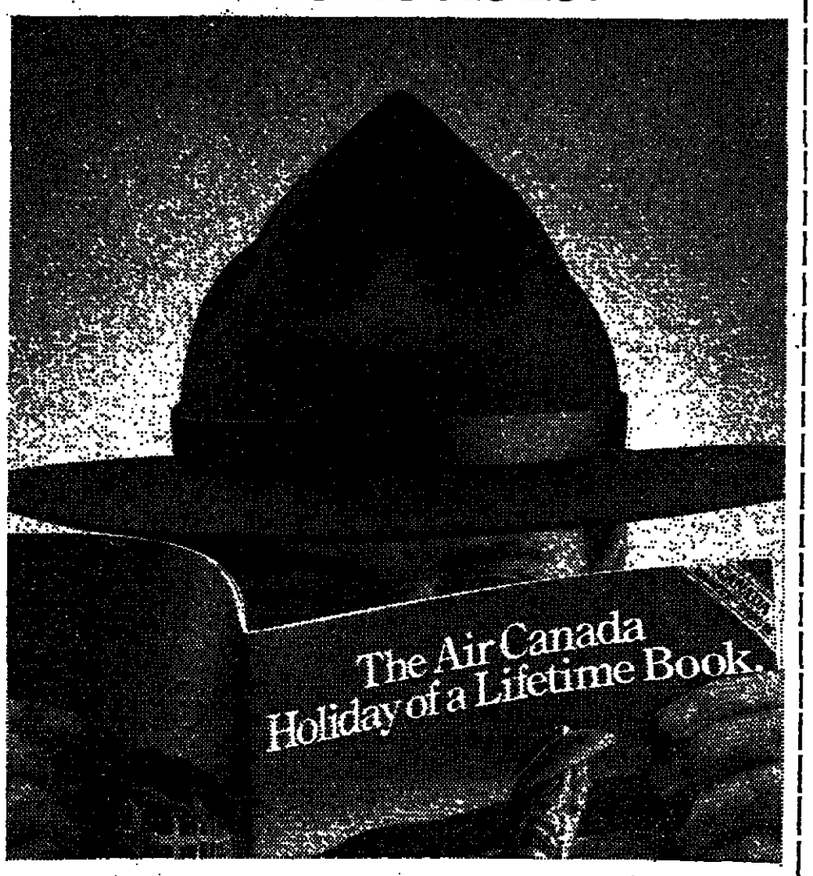
Mr Hyde said his wife, Lynne, who was then three months pregnant, was not getting enough nutritious food during the Argentinian occupation and the subsequent fighting.

After the islands were recaptured British commandos came to Fox Bay, where Mr Hyde taught at school, and seeing his wife's weak condition, arranged for her to go by helicopter to Port Stanley.

"There we saw an RAF medical officer who said: 'Get her home as soon as possible.' We were offered a place, free of charge, on a Hercules, but I considered the very uncomfortable and noisy 11-hour flight to Ascension Island would be too much for Lynne.

"Then we had the opportunity to sail on the Norland, a car ferry, to Ascension Island, and then a flight home to Britain. I had to sign a form saying I would bear the costs.

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Guerrilla alliance feared by Nato

From Campbell Page in Paris.

The murder of an important Defence Ministry official has aroused fears that terrorist groups in Western Europe may be launching a determined campaign against military and Nato targets.

Action Directe, the French terrorist group, said it had been responsible for the shooting of the 55-year-old General René Audran, who was in charge of French arms sales, shortly after the assassination on Friday night. The General was shot six times as he left his car to open the door of his garage on the outskirts of Paris.

It was the first assassination by the terrorist group and had been carefully prepared. General Audran had received anonymous telephone calls and had noticed strange footprints in his garden. Taxi drivers had seen a car with a number of passengers near the general's house in the previous few days.

Only 10 days before the murder Action Directe and the West German Red Army Faction announced a merger and emphasised the need for an international organisation of proletarian struggle. In claiming responsibility for Friday's murder, Action Directe commemorated a West German terrorist. The shooting, it said, had been carried out by a commando named after Elizabeth van Dyck who was killed by the police in 1979.

A few hours before the murder a State Department spokesman in Washington gave a general warning that terrorist groups were preparing attacks against defence targets in western Europe.

Until the murder of the General, Action Directe had specialised in attacking buildings rather than people: the offices of an arms manufacturer in January 1984, the Atlantic Institute of International Affairs in July.

Party split on Nazis

West Berlin: The chairman of the radical Greens Party in West Berlin yesterday rejected party criticism that the branch had not tried to rid itself of neo-Nazis and said it would fight an order dissolving it.

The national committee decided unanimously in Freiburg to dissolve the branch and advised Greens supporters to vote for other pacifists in the parliamentary elections in March.

Bitter reminders for Auschwitz survivors

By Hella Pick

AT 3 PM on January 27, 1945, Soviet troops in Poland advanced far enough to reach Auschwitz, perhaps the most notorious of all the Nazi concentration camps.

As they marched through its entrance arch, with its inscription, "Arbeit macht frei" (work liberates), they encountered some 7,000 shuffling skeletal figures, barely alive — survivors of the four million men, women and children — more than half of them Jews, who had been systematicaly brought to Auschwitz and exterminated.

On the 40th anniversary of the "liberation" of Auschwitz yesterday, some of these survivors went back, and at 3 pm laid wreaths on the camp's Death Wall. The former inmates were led by groups of twins, who were spared because the camp doctor, Josef Mengele, preferred to use them — like dwarfs and cripples — for biological experiments.

Lech Walesa, just a year old in 1945, also decided to come to Auschwitz yesterday, laying a wreath in solidarity with all those who grieve for outrage against the human spirit. Later he joined a torch-light parade, in remembrance of the concentration camp's dead.

But the anniversary yesterday really belonged to those who had shared the suffering there, and had miraculously escaped to make new lives. Despite the cold, some of these former inmates again put on black and dirty-white striped concentration camp pyjamas. And they showed their arms, indelibly marked with the tattoos of their prison numbers.

As they spoke of the horror of their experiences, many of them bitterly claimed that Mengele, the evil spirit of Auschwitz, had been allowed to escape and was still alive, hiding under a false identity in Paraguay.

Neither could they hide their bitterness that another notorious Nazi killer, SS Major Walter Reder, was freed by the Italians last week and given a quasi-official welcome on his return to Austria, being met there on his arrival by the Austrian Defence Minister.

On Polish maps, Auschwitz is now marked by its Polish name of Oswiecim. But Poland has turned it, together with Birkenau — the part of the concentration camp complex where women were segregated — into a museum. Visitors come from all over the world and walk through the rows of low-built huts and stone houses, still imbued with a spirit of evil that nothing can eradicate.

In some of the huts there are glass cases showing the cloth that was woven from human hair. Others display the orders that came from Hitler's headquarters, authorising the building and use of the gas chambers and the killing of the prisoners, many of them soon after they arrived in cattle trucks on the railway line that led straight into the camp.

The killing at Auschwitz began in 1940. Information about the gas chambers was slow to reach the West, but by 1944, Churchill as well as Roosevelt had overwhelming proof that the Nazis were engaged in mass extermination. There were many Jewish appeals to bomb Auschwitz, and put the gas chambers out of commission. But this met with hesitation, indecision, and unwillingness to believe and "unbelievable."

Then at last, 40 years ago, the Russians arrived. Yesterday Soviet media marked the anniversary by praising the courage of the countless Soviet prisoners of war who had been among the dead of Auschwitz. But although the Soviet media noted that nationals of 24 countries had suffered in the camp, they made no mention of the fact that Jews had been the principal target of Hitler's holocaust.

Sudanese rebels 'to free hostages'

NAIROBI: A Sudanese rebel leader has ordered the release of four hostages — a Briton, a Kenyan and two Frenchman — who have been held for nearly a year.

A clandestine radio broadcast, monitored here, said all ransom demands had been dropped "on humanitarian grounds." But an informed source in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, said an amounts of "less than $1 million" was paid this month to the captors, the Sudanese People's Liberation Army led by Colonel John Garang.

The hostages were captured on February 10, 1984, while working on the Jonglei canal project in southern Sudan as employees of a French firm, the International Construction Company.

Ethiopia, a supporter of the SPLA, has acted as an intermediary in the negotiation, but has not been informed of the release order, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Before yesterday's rebel broadcast, the SPLA had demanded that French firms leave southern Sudan, and that France withdraw support from the canal project and of the Muslim-dominated Government of President Numeiri.

● President Numeiri at the weekend hailed the Muslim uprising against Anglo-Egyptian rule in his country 100 years ago, in which the Governor-General Charles George Gordon was killed.

Mass for riot-torn township

SEBOKENG: Southern Africa's Roman Catholic bishops gathered in this black township yesterday to voice sympathy for the victims of months of unrest and to condemn the country's race laws.

About 30 bishops of the Southern African Catholic Bishop's Conference—from South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland and Botswana—celebrated Mass for about 1,000 worshippers crowded into the township's modest brick church.

Another 1,000 people were outside, including worshippers from townships around Sebokeng, 30 miles south of Johannesburg.

The conference president, Archbishop Denis Hurley, of Durban, opening the service with the traditional blessing of peace, told the congregation:

"I am deeply and sadly aware of how little peace there has been in your community. Your community has been racked by unrest . . . derived from the whole policy of oppression and privation under which you suffer."

The police presence was minimal. The Catholic Church increasingly has taken a leading role in church protests

Success for airdrops

ADDIS ABABA: The first airdrops of relief supplies to Ethiopian famine victims in a remote area, were declared an "extraordinarily good performance" yesterday by the UN assistant-secretary-general for emergency operations here, Mr Kurt Jansson.

In Saturday's preliminary run, an RAF plane and a West German aircraft dropped palettes of grain. Relief officials believe less than one-third of the nine million Ethiopians affected by drought-related food shortages are being reached because of rough terrain.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Violence 'threatens elections'

A LEADING Salvadorean churchman said yesterday that a series of killings leads him to fear an increase in political violence in the country.

Mgr Gregorio Rosa Chavez, Auxiliary Archbishop of San Salvador, said that 63 people died during the week ending last Friday, and seven disappeared. He said that the election campaign could be marred by "blood, irrationality and frustration."—AP.

Gang shooting

THE alleged leader of Japan's biggest crime syndicate, Masahisa Takenaka, died in hospital in Osaka yesterday after being shot by unidentified gunmen. Police fear the shooting will cause gang warfare and have mobilised hundreds of riot police to guard buildings known to contain the offices of gangsters.—Reuter.

'Town shelled'

SIXTEEN people have been killed by Pakistani shelling on the Afghan border town of Barikot, and Afghanistan has protested to Pakistan, the official Kabul radio reported yesterday. The broadcast said women and children were among those killed in three days of shelling.—Reuter.

Food stolen

GROUPS of youngsters have broken into government food stores in the Dominican Republic and have taken an undetermined amount of food, police said yesterday. The Government had just announced price increases of up to 70 per cent for food and diesel fuel. — AP.

New curfew

A STATE of emergency, suspended for three days, was re-established yesterday in the troubled French Pacific territory of New Caledonia, although the curfew accompanying it was shortened by two hours. Twenty people have been killed in clashes since mid-November and numerous houses burned.—AP.

Refugees safe

FOURTEEN Vietnamese refugees, including two children, who were picked up by a British ship, the Liverpool Bay, in the South China Sea arrived in Nagoya, Central Japan, yesterday. About 8,000 Vietnamese refugees have come to Japan seeking temporary asylum since 1975. — AP

'Scandal sheets'

CHINA'S official newspaper, the People's Daily, yesterday branded some of its small local rivals as scurrilous scandal sheets and demanded that they should be strictly controlled. The mass-circulation daily complained that racy content allowed local papers to charge higher prices than it did. — Reuter.

Expelled

TURKISH newspapers said yesterday that Bulgaria had expelled three journalists trying to investigate allegations that the Turkish minority there is repressed. Bulgaria has barred Turkish tourists in a row over allegations in the Turkish press of harassment of ethnic Turks. — Reuter.

Tamil talks

THE Sri Lankan Foreign Minister, Mr Shahul Hameed, has left Colombo for Britain and France where he will brief the governments on the ethnic issue involving Tamils in his country, the state radio said yesterday.—Reuter.

Swedish fighters grounded

From Donald Fields in Helsinki

THE SWEDISH Air Force has grounded about 100 Viggen fighters following the detection of loose screws and other objects on the wings of planes examined in a spot check.

Until thorough inspections and possible repairs are completed, Swedish air space will be patrolled at reduced strength by the Draken, an older type of fighter which is also of domestic manufacture.

Doubts were cast on the Viggen because of two accidents within two months. One of the pilots involved was killed when his plane crashed into the sea off the island of Gotland, and the other bailed out safely after losing control over southern Sweden.

In subsequent inspections of Viggens taken at random from each of Sweden's 15 squadrons, five planes were shown to be carrying detached screws that constituted a danger to their steering system. Reports of sabotage have been denied by Swedish air staff, who are nevertheless at pains not to put lives at risk because of the defects.

Viggens have been under scrutiny on two previous occasions for adjustment of ejection seats and of engine freezing systems. How many of these Saab-built fighters are operational with foreign air forces is not disclosed.

The Viggen is a single-seater multi-mission combat aircraft built by Saab. Sweden plans 17 squadrons comprising about 330 of the planes and early last year had around 250 in service.

Austrian Chancellor tries to subdue uproar

Sinowatz apologises over war criminal

By Hella Pick

Austria's Chancellor Fred Sinowatz declared yesterday that he was "extremely sorry" for the "political mistake" committed by his Defence Minister Mr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, who met the Nazi war criminal, Walter Reder, after his release from an Italian military prison last week.

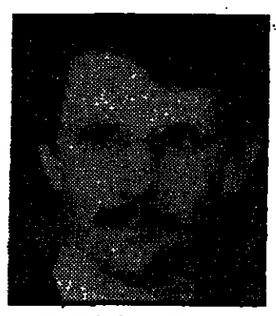
A message from the Chancellor, with his apology, was read out yesterday to Jewish leaders — including several from Communist countries — who are attending the World Jewish Congress, held for the first time in Vienna.

Mr Frischenschlager's action has brought a torrent of criticism against the Austrian coalition Government from many parts of the world, and revived allegations that Austria has still not managed to shed its Nazi sympathies. The congress, which had only come to Austria reluctantly, initially wanted to pull out without completing its agenda for this meeting, which includes the commemoration today of the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Mr Edgar Bronfman, the president of the congress, complained to the Austrian Chancellor that a "man convicted of crimes against humanity was not only repatriated to Austria, but received what was tantamount to a hero's welcome."

After Mr Sinowatz sent his apology, Mr Bronfman, an American, declared that: "For us (the congress) the matter is now closed."

It is not, however, closed for Austria, where it has revived a psychological trauma about war-guilt.



Mr Frischenschlager: 'naive mistake'

There was speculation yesterday that Mr Frischenschlager will be forced to resign. But almost everybody, including the former Chancellor, Dr Bruno Kreisky, discounted the possibility that this would lead to a collapse of the Austrian coalition.

Mr Frischenschlager, aged 41, comes from Salzburg, and belongs to the Freedom Party, the junior member of the coalition. The Freedom Party still has a hard core of neo-Nazis, although most members are genuine liberals. Mr Frischenschlager is not considered to belong to the right wing of the party.

Most of Mr Frischenschlager's critics were yesterday still insisting that he had acted naively. Dr Kreisky agreed with this verdict in an interview with the Guardian yesterday. He also speculated that Mr Frischenschlager might have wanted to ingratiate himself with the Freedom Party's supporters in Salzburg, most of whom belonged to the right wing of the party.

Dr Kreisky also confirmed that he had set in motion a series of appeals to the Italian Government to release former SS Major Reder, who had served over 30 years in Italian prisons after being given a life sentence for murdering Italian civilians during the war. Dr Kreisky contended that Reder was a sick man and, if he was allowed to die in prison, would become a martyr to Austria's neo-Nazis.

When the Italian Government decided to release him last week, it asked the Austrian Government to avoid all publicity. This apparently led the Austrian Foreign Minister Mr Leopold Gratz, to suggest that Reder should be smuggled into an Austrian military hospital, and to ask the Defence Minister to ensure secrecy.

The Foreign Minister then left for an official visit to Switzerland and the Defence Minister, without apparently consulting the Chancellor, decided to meet Reder on his arrival at an Austrian military base. He then accompanied him in an Austrian army helicopter to the military hospital.

Dr Kreisky yesterday noted that Mr Reder would, in any case, have been due for release in six months. But he was sharply critical of Mr Gratz for leaving the Defence Minister to handle the affair, and expressed astonishment that Mr Sinowatz did not ensure that matters of such delicacy should be discussed with him.

● The president of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday that he was planning to visit Moscow this spring for the first time and in response to a Soviet initiative.

No Cyprus talks before the polls

Istanbul: Mr Rauf Denktash, President of the Turkish republic of Northern Cyprus, said yesterday that he would not meet the Greek Cypriot leader, Mr Spyros Kyprianou, until after the Turkish Cypriots hold elections on June 23, the state-run Turkish radio reported.

Speaking at a meeting of Turkish farmers in Nicosia, Mr Denktash said a new summit meeting on Cyprus could only be realised after UN Secretary-General, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, made a preparatory study, the radio said.

It quoted Mr Denktash as saying that the elections "would give us a chance to tell our people what we will do and what we want to do." Mr Denktash said they were thinking of forming a new government of technocrats to take office until the elections, the radio added.

Mr Denktash announced on Friday that Turkish Cypriots would hold presidential and parliamentary elections on June 23 in Northern Cyprus.

The announcement of the election date followed the breakdown of the UN-sponsored talks between Mr Denktash and Mr Kyprianou in New York last Sunday.

The talks collapsed over vastly different interpretations by the two parties of a draft agreement prepared by Mr Perez de Cuellar in three months of separate meetings with the two leaders.

Mr Denktash is regarded by his people as President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the independent state he declared in November, 1983, and recognised only by Turkey. — AP/Reuter.

Reagan mildly optimistic on arms talks

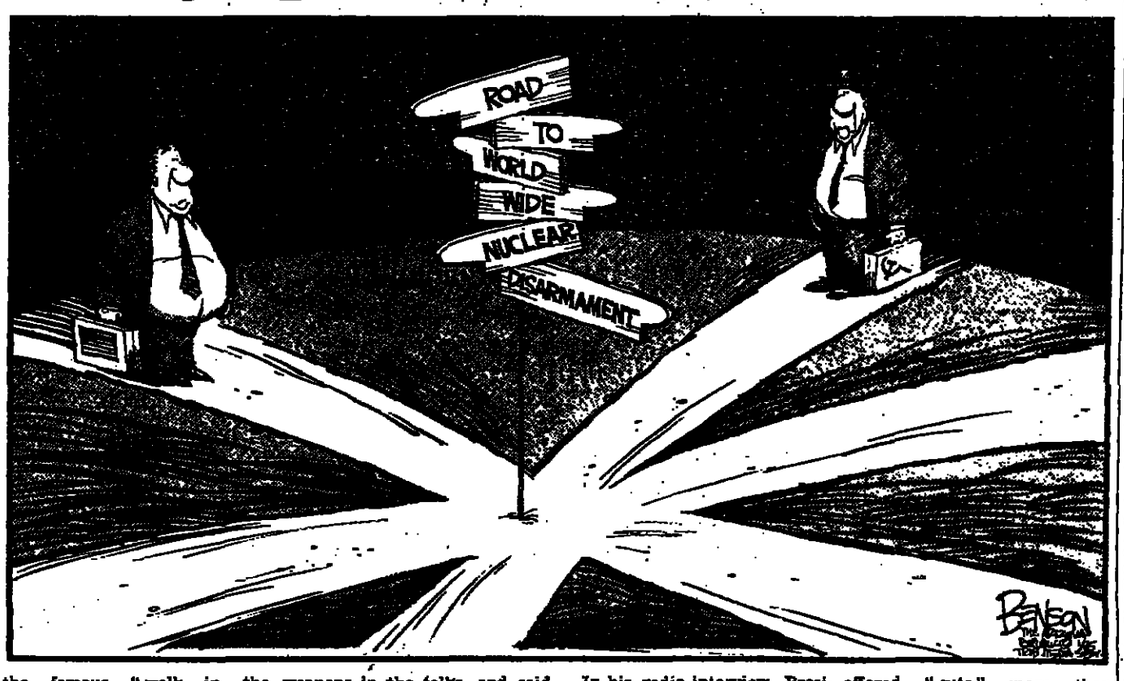
From Michael White in Washington.

President Reagan is only slightly more optimistic than his negotiators about the prospects for reaching an arms-control agreement with the Soviet Union before the end of his second term in 1989.

Negotiations will resume in Geneva on March 12, more than a year after the Russian walk-out following cruise missiles deployment in Western Europe, the two sides announced on Saturday just as Mr Reagan was airing his own views on radio.

Asked why some of his senior advisors, including his newly-appointed chief negotiators, Mr Max Kampelman, were voicing such pessimism, the President said he could understand it because they had been through so many long and tedious talks before.

"I, on the other hand, tend to be a little more optimistic. Not euphoric. I, too, know how tough this is going to be, but at least it is the first time that I can recall the Soviet Union openly themselves saying that they wanted to see the number of weapons reduced — and have even gone as far as to say what we have said — that they would like to see the elimination of nuclear weapons entirely," he said.



The Russians have fielded a highly experienced team to meet the United States. The veteran diplomat, Mr Victor Karpov, will head the Soviet delegation and face the former Texas senator, Mr John Towers, in the detailed talks on long-range strategic missiles. Negotiating against Mr Kampelman himself on the Star Wars dimension of the negotiations, to which the Russians attach so much importance, will be Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky who took part in the famous "walk in the woods" deal in late 1983 which both governments later repudiated. The third Soviet negotiator, meeting Mr Maynard Glitman on Mr Kvitsinsky's former turf, medium range weapons, will be Alexei Obukhov. All three are, in a Moscow spokesman's wry emulation of the American team's billing, "convinced patriots."

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, addressing reporters in Moscow, stressed the need to link space and nuclear weapons in the talks, and said further deployment of US missiles in Europe could hurt chances for an agreement. He said repeatedly that Moscow wanted progress on nuclear and space weapons to be linked.

"Success" will depend on how much both sides strictly adhere to the achieved agreement," earlier this month to discuss both nuclear and space weapons, he said. "I would like once again to stress that these questions must be regarded as linked, so regarded and so decided."

In his radio interview, President Reagan also touched upon the American domestic background to the talks in which the Administration is using its desire to "negotiate from strength," to resist congressional pressure to cut defence

The Senate majority leader, Senator Bob Dole, suggested on Friday that such cuts would be necessary politically. But the President declined to countenance them. Reminding his audience that he could not spend a nickel without congressional approval, he said that the Pentagon had already offered "cuts" more than asked for in 1986. He remains confident of persuading a sceptical Congress that "there isn't much more to get there. We've squeeed that apple pretty good" — a claim that promptly surprised critics of the surging defence budget.

A measure of the budget strain still to be resolved was underlined yesterday by Senator Barry Goldwater, the former Republican presidential candidate in 1984, who warned of virtual national bankruptcy unless Congress had "the courage to cut" across the board.

Veil lifted on 'spy' shuttle

From Michael White in Washington

American space officials yesterday celebrated the successful launch of their first secret military payload into orbit by announcing that all had gone well while still refusing to say what it was.

As confirmation emerged from the Kennedy space centre in Florida that the space shuttle Discovery would be returning to earth late yesterday afternoon, the unofficial consensus held firm that the shuttle had been carrying the most advanced intelligence-gathering satellite yet and that it was now in orit 22,300 miles above the equator with a good overview of the Soviet Union.

Pentagon sources are reportedly now confirming that the reason for the noisily-imposed news blackout, promptly circumvented by the press in any case, was the vulnerability of the mission to close Soviet surveillance immediately after its launch.

In the event officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) were able to report yesterday that a 32,000lb inertial upper stage of the rocket, which misfired on a shuttle mission in 1983, worked this time, holding out the prospect of similar large high-altitude launches. The putative $300 million spy satellite is now in its correct orbit.

Frustrated reporters have had fun knocking the eerie silence emanating from the normally publicity-frenzied space centre and have even begun to miss the banalities about the view from space which astronauts are notorious for relaying back to earth on TV lines shut down for this mission. But the real significance of Discovery's three-day mission may well be the stark emphasis which it gives to the Pentagon's ascendancy over the space budget nowadays.

A report in yesterday's New York Times suggested that the Defence Department, which overtook Nasa's civilian budget in 1982, now runs space programmes worth $12.9 billion compared with $6.8 billion by Nasa.

Citing the Reagan Administration's commitment to a space-based anti-nuclear defence system — Star Wars the paper points to the increasing presence of former military personnel on Nasa staffs and calls the space shuttle programme "now a fully-fledged adjunct of the Pentagon."

Pope hits out at C. America doctrinal deviations

...Caracas: The Pope, starting a tour of Latin America, has called for social justice but condemned deviations from Roman Catholic doctrine which he said sought "an illusory earthly liberation."

Addressing Venezuelan bishops soon after arriving, the Pope delved into one of the problems dividing the Church — how to show concern for the poor.

He condemned "liberation theology" and said that Church leaders should expound correct doctrine and rectify errors.

At an open air mass yesterday he urged people to work for the unity of families as he condemned divorce, abortion, artificial birth control, and euthanasia.

The Pope insisted on one of his favourite themes on the second day of his visit to Venezuela. Local church censuses say that as many as half the 17 million population were born out of wedlock.

"Struggle against the plague of divorce, which destroys families and weighs so heavily on the education of children. Always respect life, which is a splendid gift from God," he said.

He said Mass under a blistering sun from a giant pyramid-shaped platform in the suburb of Montalban dominated by some of Caracas's worst slums. Dozens of people suffering from sunstroke were taken away on stretchers.

Army helicopters hovered above the route to Montalban and soldiers armed with automatic rifles patrolled and military trucks blocked streets near the podium.

The Pope, on a sixth visit to Latin America which will include Ecuador, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago, flew later to Maracaibo, near the Colombian border, which is on an increasingly important route for the smuggling of cocaine and marijuana to the US.

Before the Mass the Pope met about 500 Polish and 200 East European immigrants in a downtown theatre and urged them in Polish and six other languages to preserve their religious and cultural traditions while serving faithfully their new homelands.

"The Poles in Venezuela always await the independence and full freedom of their homeland," Mr Ryszard Urbansky, chief of the Polish Catholic Mission in Caracas, told him.

"These words unite you with your countrymen in Poland who aspire for the good, for freedom and for self-government," the Pope replied.

The Pope ended the mass by answering chants of "John Paul, friend, Venezuela is with you" with a good-humoured "Venezuela, friend, the Pope is with you."

He later met diplomats at the Vatican embassy and told them they had a task to build peace and understanding in a divided world.

Earlier, the Pope said he expected an extraordinary meeting of bishops in November would confirm the general movement towards reform agreed by the Second Vatican Council that ended 20 years ago. — Reuter.

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De Cuellar pledges to do his best to end Kampuchea conflict

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Khao-I-Dang, Thailand

The UN Secretary-General, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar leaves for Vietnam today on the second leg of his South-East Asian tour after pledging "to exhaust all the possibilities of my office" to resolve the Kampuchean conflict.

He made his pledge as Thai military officers predicted more Vietnamese attacks against the last stronghold of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Phnom Malai.

Vietnamese artillery pounded the Sanro Changan-Dongrak area for six hours on the eve of Mr Perez de Cuellar's visit, and Thai offices said massing Vietnamese troops, tanks and artillery indicated that an assault was imminent.

Mr Perez de Cuellar, while visiting an area near the Thai-Kampuchean border, was briefed by representatives of relief agencies on the flight of Kampuchean civilians who have repeatedly been driven out of resistance controlled camps on the border by the ebb and flow of fighting between guerrillas and Vietnamese troops.

There had been nine evacuations of border camps since 1984 he was told, leading to a growing sense of hopelessness among many of the Khmers. Much of the benefit of humanitarian programmes in recent years had been destroyed by the suffering that accompanied frequent flight from their homes to escape the fighting.

Speaking at the refugee camp here, eight miles from the border, Mr Perez de Cuellar said "I pledge to you all I will do my best to help solve this clearly appalling situation."

After visiting parts of the camp, he led a cavalcade of coaches, cars and Thai military vehicles on a lightning visit to a neighbouring site providing temporary shelter for some 62,000 fugitives from the Khmer Peoples National Liberation Front camp of Nong Samet, which was hit by Vietnamese troops on Christmas Day.

He did not meet the KPNLF leader, Son Sann, as the latter had hoped, but received a letter asking him to appeal to Thai authorities to allow inhabitants of another evacuation site to move to a safer location deeper inside Thailand.

Meanwhile Vietnam yesterday accused China of committing "new and ever more brutal crimes" on their border and said the situation was very tense.

Lebanon strife could move south

Julie Flint reports from Beirut on the new dangers to peace in Sidon as the Israelis prepare to withdraw

WHEN they buried the daughter of Mustafa Saad in Sidon last Friday, four days after the car bomb attack that wounded the Sunni Muslim leader, church bells pealed, mosques gave the call to prayer and the crowd shouted: "Not Muslims, Not Christians. National unity."

Three weeks before Israel's scheduled withdrawal from Sidon—a withdrawal that will almost certainly come much sooner than that—it is not so much Christian-Muslim animosity in the Sidon area that is causing concern as intercommunal strife between Muslims and, to a lesser extent, between Lebanese and Palestinians.

The main fear is that Sidon, south Lebanon's largest town, could become another west Beirut, plagued by fighting that would weaken Lebanon's Muslim Front and play into the hands of the retreating Israelis by wasting the energies of south Lebanon on internal squabbles.

Israel's first partial withdrawal from Lebanon in the autumn of 1983 plunged the country into the Shouf war, three weeks of battles between Druze and Christian militiamen that took more than 1,000 lives.

Sidon—a city of some 70,000 Sunni Muslims, 20,000 Shi'ite Muslims, and 10,000 Christians—is not like the Shouf. It does not have a history of sectarian massacres. For weeks now, Christian and Muslim leaders, have been making efforts to force a consensus to fill the Israeli vacuum. That consensus is that the Lebanese army must enter the city and the Christian militiamen of the Phalange-led Lebanese forces who entered it under Israel's wing must leave.

Israeli collaborators in the Sidon area are already taking to their heels, spurred on, no doubt, by the first revenge killings—a dozen at least, to date. It seems probable that Christian militiamen will follow suit.

There is some concern about the continuing presence of some 1,000-1,700 Lebanese Forces fighters in the Iqlim al-Kharroub, the last remaining place in the mountains south of Beirut, between Shouf and Sidon. But, despite reports of new meetings between Israeli and Phalangist hardliners in Beirut, and despite Israel's endless talk of massacres, these militiamen will probably leave when the Israelis do, finding themselves cut off, trapped between the Druze to their north and Muslim Sidon to their south.

In the wake of the Israelis' departure, it is the struggle for authority in Sidon that threatens to be the most explosive. Even if the Lebanese army deploys in strength there, conditions in Beirut and the Iqlim permitting, few believe that its presence in the city will be any more meaningful than it is in Beirut.

In recent weeks, new strains between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims at the national level have increased the likelihood of future trouble in Sidon. Sunni leaders are more and more concerned by the erosion of their traditional leadership of West Beirut.

Not only is the Shi'ite movement Amal the strongest militia force in the capital, but most recent government appointments to Muslims have gone to Shi'ites. West Beirut's elder Sunni statesman, Saab Salam, has raised an angry voice against "marono-Shi'ism" and a Sunni minister, Selim al-Hoss, has resigned.

The traditional Sunni-Shi'ite configuration of Sidon is expected to take on another dimension after Israel's withdrawal with the arrival, in some form, of the Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party Although his men have been fighting the Sunni Mourabitoun militia in West Beirut, the Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, is keen to connect two Sunni-dominated areas south of Beirut — "his" Iqlim and Sidon — under the cover of an alliance with Mustafa Saad.

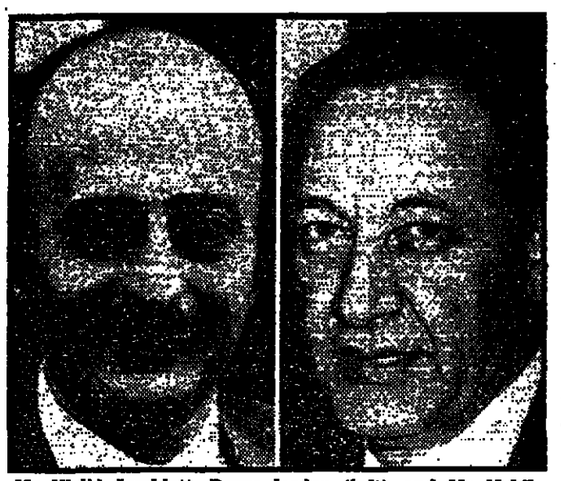
A weakening of Sunni influence in Sidon would weaken Mr Jumblatt's own influence in the Iqlim, the Shouf's access to the sea. With this in mind, a number of units moved out of Beirut last week, some of them with orders to stand by to enter Sidon.

In Beirut, Druze and Shi'ite stand together in an increasingly uneasy alliance. In the south, they have very different interests, as illustrated by their differences over the security plan for the coast road: while the main concern of Shi'ite leader, Mr Nabih Berri, is to reopen this vital link between Beirut and the Shi'ite heartland in the south, Mr Jumblatt's overriding interest has been to protect the back of his fighters in the Iqlim hills.

Complicating all these alliances, and potential enmities, is the Palestinian factor, especially the struggle between pro- and anti-Arafat factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Both Syria and Mr Arafat are anxious to see Sidon develop in their image — Syria to expand its sphere of influence in Lebanon and Mr Arafat to undercut Syria.

"Arafat wants to return to Lebanon not as a military organisation, which the Lebanese themselves would not accept now, but as a political force," says one analyst. "Any weakening of the Syrian scheme — peace in Lebanon, to enable President Assad to turn his attention elsewhere — is good for Arafat. Therefore he will fight Syrian elements, whether inside or outside the camps."



Mr Walid Jumblatt, Druze leader (left) and Mr Nabih Berri, Shi'ite leader; the uneasy alliance in Beirut contrasts with very different interests in the South

Shi'ite leader says 'Cabinet cannot survive without him'

Beirut crisis as Sunni leader quits

From our Correspondent in Beirut

The surprise resignation of the Cabinet's leading economist and most respected independent, the Sunni Muslim Minister of Labour and Education, Mr Selim al-Hoss, has plunged Lebanon into a Government crisis at the very moment that it is confronting the collapse of its currency and Israel's imminent withdrawal from the Sidon area in the south.

The 10-member national unity Cabinet, portrayed as the country's last alternative to partition when it was formed only nine months ago, is now down to seven. The Interior Minister, Mr Abdullah Racy, never took his seat. The Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, has boycotted Cabinet meetings for weeks now, despairing of the political reforms contained in the Cabinet's original policy statement.

In handing his resignation to the Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, on Saturday, Mr Hoss said only that he could be of no futher use to the Cabinet. Newspapers deplored his decision at "this most critical moment" and the Shi'ite Muslim leader, Mr Nabih Berri, warned that the Cabinet could not survive without him. "The time is not right," Mr Berri said. "I personally often ask myself why I don't resign. But the question is, what comes next if this Government goes?"

A weekend of heavy pressure from Syrian leaders, fellow ministers, and Muslim dignitaries has so far failed to weaken Mr Hoss's resolve to quit. Mr Karami yesterday was forced to cancel an emergency Cabinet meeting called to prop up the Lebanese pound, which lost 10 per cent of its value in just 90 minutes last Friday. Nevertheless, the feeling persists that Mr Hoss could be persuaded to remain in office, perhaps even in a strengthened government, if the right concessions were made.

Sources close to Mr Hoss say his main concern is the lack of a real will, in both East and West Beirut, to surrender the capital to state control. Illegal ports are once again back in action in East Beirut, while in West Beirut is is still Druze and Shi'ite Militiamen who hold sway, despite numerous "security plans" to put the Lebanese Army in charge.

In an angry statement a week ago, Mr Hoss said army and security chiefs — and ministers — should step down it they were incapable of controlling even the capital. "The man in the street is killed for nothing every day," he said.

Like Mr Jumblatt, Mr Hoss is also concerned by the lack of political movement and, as a Sunni Muslim, by the preference given to Shi'ite Muslims for top government jobs. Earlier this month, he himself came under heavy fire from Beirut's veteran Sunni statesman, Mr Saab Salam, for playing the part of "false witness" in the Cabinet.

"It is not permissible," Mr Salam thundered, "for Hoss to complain in private about the corruption around him."

In Sidon yesterday, armed men fought a 15-minute battle with militiamen guarding two positions of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army security sources said.

American envoy in Chinese arms talks

Peking: A US delegation led by Mr. Melvyn Paisley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, arrived here by special plane yesterday to discuss the sale of American weapons to the Chinese navy.

The expected sale of anti-submarine warfare and de-sroyer equipment would be China's first big purchase of US arms.

The 12-day visit began in secrecy, with US and Chinese officials declining to allow press coverage of Mr Paisley's arrival.

But a US embassy spokesman confirmed that the delegation arrived at Peking airport and was taken to the Diaoyutai (fishing platform) guesthouse in western Peking.

The restrictions on publicity followed Washington press leaks when Gen. John Vessey Jr. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived here for his first tour of China.

Those reports said that a Chinese naval delegation agreed in Washington last month to buy US sonar, torpedoes, anti-missile guns, and gas turbine engines. They also said that the two countries agreed that the first US naval port calls in China for 35 years will take place this April in Shanghai.

The US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, announced government approval for the sale of sophisticated US defensive equipment to China on a trip to Peking in September, 1983.

Since then, military logistics and training delegations have exchanged visits and the Chinese Defence Minister, Mr Zhang Aiping, has visited Washington, but no major contracts have been agreed. — AP.

Tight Indian security for visit of five world leaders

New Delhi: The Indian capital was under tight security this weekend as the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, welcomed five world leaders for a meeting on nuclear disarmament beginning today.

Mr Gandhi, who took office after his mother, Indira, was assassinated on October 31, was making his debut on the international stage.

The press Trust of India said security measures were unprecedented when Mr Gandhi, the President, Mr Zail Singh and President Alfonsin of Argentina reviewed a parade of troops, armour and aircraft marking Republic Day yesterday.

Security forces manned roadblocks, guarded bridges and used metal detectors to search onlookers after a newspaper said four death squads were in New Delhi to kill Mr Gandhi and Mr Singh.

PTI said unprecedented security measures included an order to tank crews not to turn their gun turrets towards the Indian leaders while saluting them. Instead, the tanks dipped their guns as they drove past the dais. — Reuter/AP

Rabin 'will get $1.8bn in US aid'

From Arie Haskel in Jerusalem

THE DEFENCE Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, has left for Washington confident that he will bring back US military aid totalling $1.8 billion—an increase of $400 million over the current financial year's allocation.

As in the current year, but in contrast to previous US military aid packages, the entire sum is expected to take the form of an outright grant. Despite the increased US aid, the bulk of Israel's defence financing will still have to come out of the State Budget—$2.6 billion of the total defence budget of $4.4 billion. Mr Rabin described it as the smallest defence budget in 11 years.

He also expressed the hope that Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon would not be a main topic in his Washington talks.

The Defence Minister will spend eight days in the US as guest of the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger. The climax of his visit will be a White House meeting with President Reagan. Mr Rabin will be the first top-ranking Israeli to see the President since he began his second term.

It will essentially be a business trip, with difficult talks awaiting him with Mr Weinberger on the US declared intention to make huge arms shipments to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Mr Weinberger has already agreed to supply the Saudis with 40F/15s fighter bombers, 1,000 shoulder fired "Stinger" anti-aircraft missiles and quantities of air-to-air missiles.

Agencies add: **The Israeli Cabinet yesterday formally approved a £23 billion budget for the financial year starting in April, and an eight-month wage and price pact with trade unions, a government statement said.**

Israel and Egypt meanwhile held their first negotiations in two years yesterday, when they began talks in Beersheba, Israel, on the disputed Sinai border strip of Taba.

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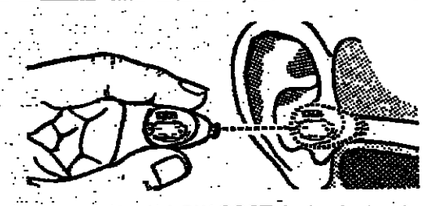
TEHRAN: Iran has halted almost all imports because of a sharp fall in its oil exports and dangerously-low foreign exchange reserves, diplomats in Tehran said yesterady.

Iranian banking sources confirmed that the central bank last week issued an internal order severely restricting letters of credit for imports. "All Iran is importing now is food and armaments," one banking source said.

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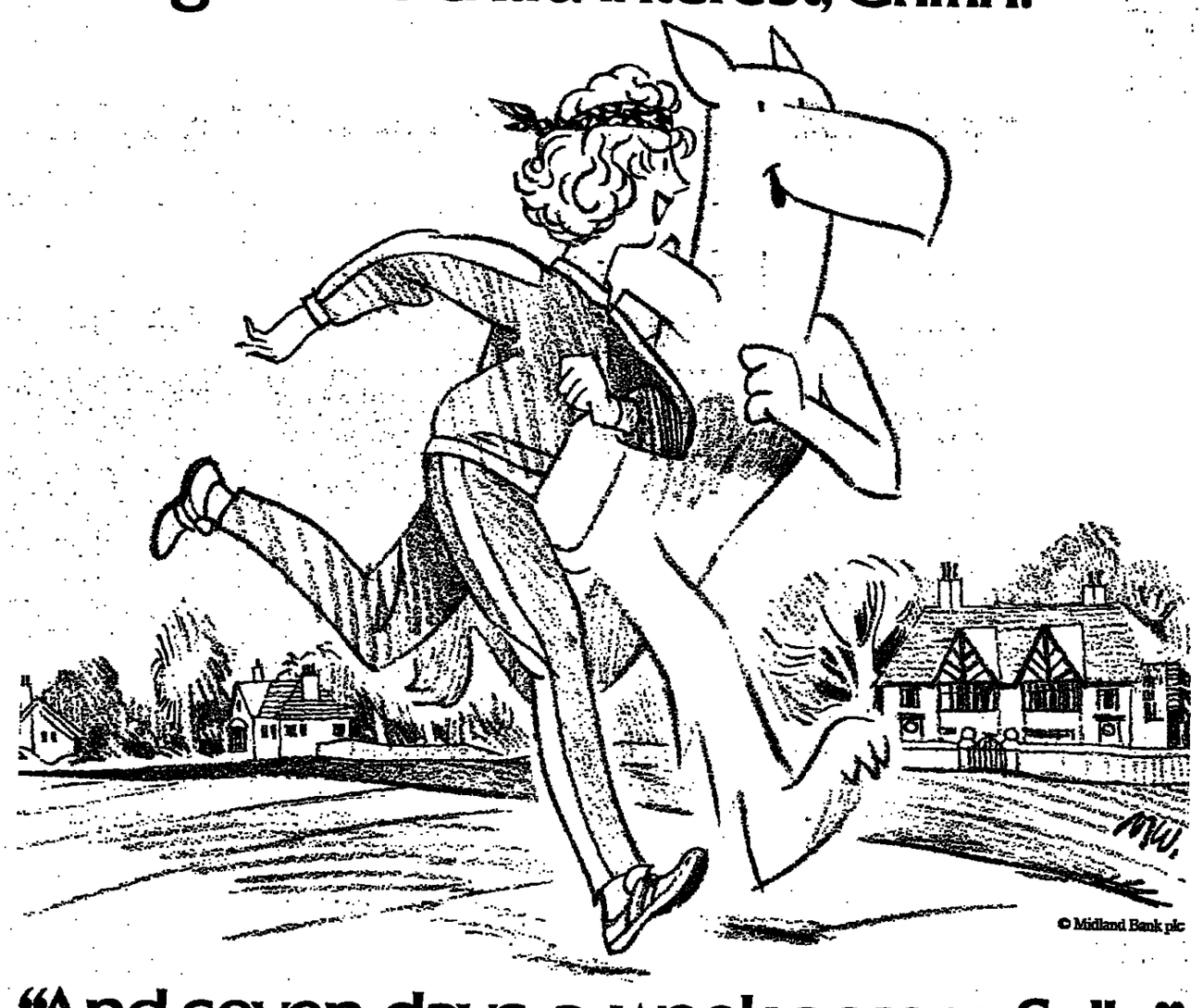
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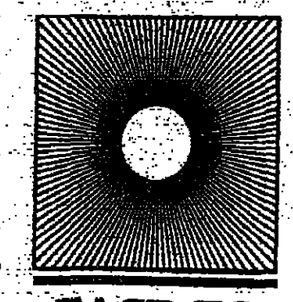
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Why the Government must attend to Britain in despair



FACE TO FAITH

Cyril Derby

VIOLENCE sometimes arises in our community because we project on to others our own failures to solve problems. Perhaps this accounts for the increasing personalisation of politics. In every area of life it is the man or woman at the top who is continually held to account, discussed, abused, blamed. In politics, this can destroy the sense of joint responsibility. It adds strength to the false idea that conviction and concensus are opposites. It is always possible for people with conviction to work towards such a consensus as will unite the nation.

There is responsibility on us all to do more constructive things than attack the Government. The Government, however, give a lead by the way in which they respond to the general mood in the nation, and the principal issue is the kind of lead they are giving.

I have taken soundings of clergymen and others in my own diocese, which is almost precisely in Derbyshire. All of those working in mining areas have been conspicuous in the impartial and reconciling care that they have given to all their parishioners, whatever their direct or indirect involvement in the minin g dispute. Those areas cry out for unifying policies.

It is not only there, however, but much more generally among people of all ages, including the young unemployed, that there is a mood of helplessness, an awareness of inability to change what appears to be a deteriorating situation, in almost every area of our national life. Ordinary folk feel that their views do not count and their votes do not count. The wife of a miner, once on strike but now working, said to me that they do not know what the powers are which now control their lives. They are just weak and find themselves incapable of doing anything to bring about change.

There is also a feeling of despondency among those in employment. No one can be quite sure where the axe is likely to fall next, and the whole factory may be closed down. Currently in my own See city, many in the British Rail works and in Rolls-Royce have great fears for the future, whether those institutions are or are not to be privatised. The general mood cries out to the Government, both to speak a word of hope and to take action to give people some faith in the future.

Along with this general despairing mood goes a widespread feeling that the high hopes of Beveridge have been reduced to such an extent that the welfare state is near to breaking down. Government spokesmen make clear, no doubt with complete exactness, how large and increased is the financial contributions being made to the National Health Service. More money still is needed. An inquiry in a number of major hospitals revealed widely that only two or three hours a week are being given to outpatient departments for radiotherapy for cancer patients.

More beds need to be made available for that work if it is to be done properly; but more beds mean more hours and larger costs. All the way through there is a danger for those who are particularly vulnerable: the young, the elderly and casualties.

However, the issues have to do not only with hospitals but with many other aspects of welfare.

I will give some illustrations from what has been reported to me. First, faced as we are in this small area with such a high incidence of alcohol abuse, child neglect and battering, we recognise that what are needed are structures that will enable long-term help to be given, whereas the social services can really afford to cover only emergency situations. There is a point of great need there.

Another example: on our one small estate of 515 dwellings, 41 per cent of tenants are single-parent families. Notices seeking possession are served on 9 per cent of the tenants annually. One family in every 18 is referred to the social services each month and, my correspondent said, these are figures: the reality, in terms of pain, hurt and depression, are not expressible. I know that particular area.

Situations of these kinds are not the direct and immediate responsibility of the Government only. I applaud their success in reducing inflation, because so many people benefit from that. Having no economic theories, like most people, I cannot see why reducing inflation and also reducing unemployment are impossible of attainment together. I appreciate the palliatives the Government have brought to bear on the situation and the way in which policies are intended to make improvements, but the question which rises up from so many is: how long? How much longer is it going to take for policies to work?

There seem to me to be two main failings. The first is an apparent ignoring of the widespread existence of poverty in the nation and the problems of the underprivileged. So much talk in response to questioning on radio and television seems to assume that there is really no problem of poverty at all.

The second failing is the assumption that if only people put out a little individual effort all would be well: people are their own worst enemies and they are the ones who can put things right But the poor are gravely disadvantaged, and the whole nation needs to take this fact fully into account.

It will not be sufficient to free large numbers of people from paying income tax immensely valuable though that step would be. Reducing taxes we are told would benefit all. So it would but in what a disproportionate way! It would increase the affluence of many but would do nothing to abolish poverty and the accompanying needs; and when threats are made or leaks take place about value added tax on food, they can surely only come from people who earn infinitely more than the average wage. It is an extraordinary thing but it is only the poor who are told to be content with their lot and to avoid the sin of envy.

I do not believe that a completely egalitarian society is possible or even desirable, but I cannot believe that it is right, to take a very recent example, to pay anyone in the public service £95,000 a year, however able he may be and however crucial a responsibility he may carry, while at the same time millions of others are being ordered, persuaded and cajoled into accepting wage increases which will give them infinitely less than £9,000 per annum.

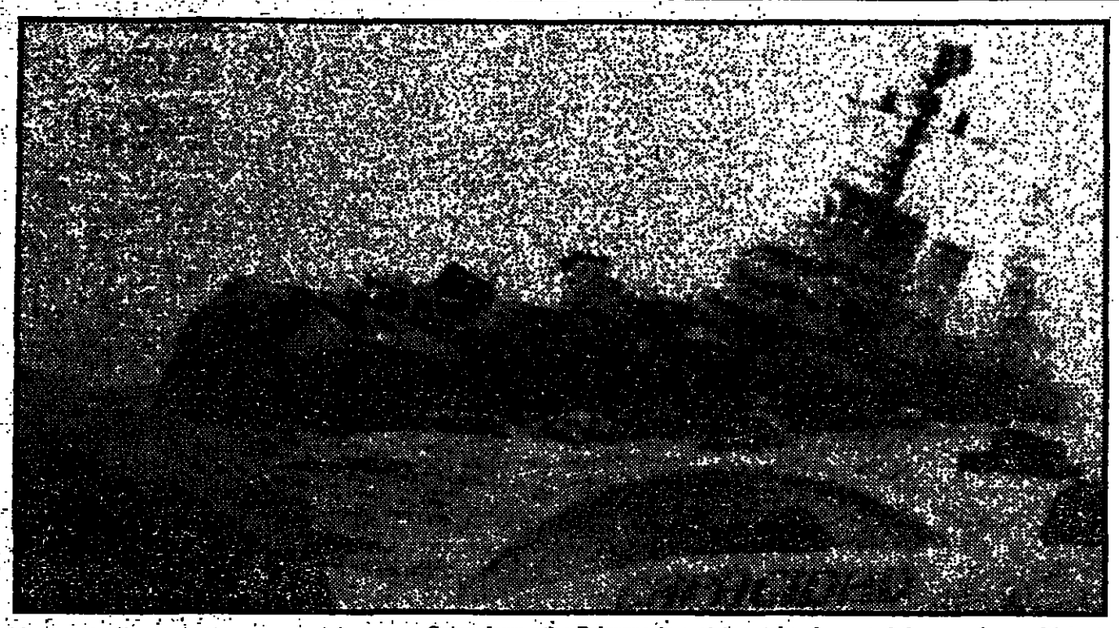
If payments in the private sector set the pattern, so much the worse for the private sector. Surely the Government should encourage public service without undue regard of financial rewards.

There is, of course, a moral problem over holding together the necessity to produce money and the desirability to be deatached from it. But the crucial thing is our care for people —for all people—and that moral problem should press on us all. An industrial adviser in the diocese of Derby, having been round areas of dereliction and depression, was invited to take part in what he called a post-mortem on the subject of the Church and the unemployed. He said: "I didn't say much. I can cope with the statistics of 3.5 million out of work: it's the people that bother me."

Individuals who are the kindest and gentlest people can be found to take part in the harshest and most violent of actions and we have seen something of this in recent days. Similarly, individuals with the greatest personal compassion can be corporately indifferent to the needs of others. It is not primarily a unity of ideas that is needed but a unity and compassion; not sentimentality but compassion.

This might be the more speedily realised if Her Majesty's Government were to be more aparently bothered by the people who are in distress. I do not question the attitudes of individuals, but the impression we are so often given in what is said is that there is great indifference and, when a lead in this respect is apparently lacking, then the response is bound to be small.

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Going down: the Belgrano in a picture taken by one of the crew from a lifeboat

A first strike philosophy that sank the Belgrano

ARTHUR GAVSHON

MARGARET Thatcher's government has abandoned every essential detail of its initial rationale for sinking the Belgrano. In that slow process key members of the 1982 War Cabinet have consistently contradicted each other, leaving a trail of new discrepancies, half-truths and omissions. The Prime Minister's refusal to come absolutely clean has reinforced suspicions that the security she says would be threatened is not her country's—but her government's.

For Mrs Thatcher the most influential protagonist of the claimed operational necessity for sinking the Belgrano—before and after the event—was Admiral Lord Lewin. As Chief of the Defence Staff he attended all meetings of the War Cabinet, performing a crucial role in liaising between the military and political hierarchies. For the War Cabinet he interpreted the often complex tactical and strategic problems and options facing the fighting forces; to the service chiefs and theatre commanders he relayed back any constraints on their conduct of the campaign demanded by the realities of national and international political life.

In practice, then, Lewin emerged as the highly competent head of the War Cabinet's military executive, sharing in the making of decisions as well as ensuring their translation into effective action. But to those able to observe the skill with which he formulated and presented the need for those decisions and actions, especially in the context of changing Rules of Engagement, it seemed as if he had transformed the War Cabinet into the Defence Ministry.

After retiring, Lewin agreed to meet Desmond Rice and myself, among other reasons, to correct what he termed inaccuracies in our book The Sinking of the Belgrano. Some of his disclosures appeared in an earlier article, published in The Guardian on October 2, 1984.

Lewin criticised suggestions we had made that HMS Conqueror would have known at once that the ships detected on sonar on Friday, April 30 were the Belgrano group. Our own assumption was based on an entry in the diary kept by Narendra Sethia, a former Conqueror officer, which for that day read: "Continuing passage to an area where the threats are from the cruiser, Belgrano, an ancient ex-US Second World War ship with no sonar or ASW antisubmarine warfare) capacity..." The Admiral was concerned to explain the lapse of 30 hours which he said it took before Northwood naval headquarters could be sure of the Belgrano's identity.

In graphic detail Lewin volunteered a description of how Conqueror would have gone about the business of detecting, sighting and shadowing the Belgrano group. The system of towing a very long array of hydrophonic listening devices is used, he said, as far away as possible from the submarine's own noise. With this system a ship as distant as 70 miles can be detected even though the hunter-killer submarine would not initially know just how far its quarry might be or the direction in which it was moving. The hunter would have to move slowly, in a straight line; when a noise was picked up it would be plotted several times; then the submarine would change course and the array would snake around, lining up behind the vessel. This might take some time and would enable the searchers to decide which side the sound of their target ship was coming from.

(Because of the possible sensitivity of the information Lewin's detail relating to course changes, timing and speed of the hunting submarine have been deleted from this account.)

Lewin related how the submarine commander "goes on plotting for hours and builds up a picture that that ship, or group of ships, is about 50 miles away, around that way. He nips off at (deleted) knots towards it and after about (deleted) hours he shows down . . . (deleted) again, steadies her course and tries again. This takes a long time . . . to build up another picture and eventually he gets it and moves to within (deleted) miles, puts up his periscope and realises it's the Belgrano. Now he knows that the contact he had 13 hours ago was the Belgrano."

There was no point in Commander Christopher Wreford-Brown "bashing off a message" during the detection process because, Lewin said, "Northwood only wants to know what's real." But after the sighting Saturday morning, May 1, Conqueror withdrew for about an hour in order safely to surface and transmit a report confirming that the Belgrano had been identified. The report reached Northwood after midnight (London time), according to Lewin. Sethia told us (on November 28, 1984) that Conqueror's signal went off and was acknowledged on Saturday afternoon (London time). (Mrs Thatcher told Labour MP George Foulkes on January 14, 1985 the same thing; she could not explain why Lewin had not been informed immediately.)

Admiral Sir John Woodward, in the South Atlantic, was advised at once. Lewin described the way Woodward saw things: "The Argentine fleet is at sea; there's a group to the north and a group to the south and they're doing a pincer on us. I don't like it. I don't know where the carrier (Veinte Cinco 25 de Mayo) is exactly, but I do know where the Belgrano is, and I would like the Rules of Engagement changed and this Belgrano group dealt with."

"So he gets on to Northwood and this is 0200 (London time) and (Admiral Sir John) Fieldhouse is asleep, and I was asleep. (Flag Officer Submarines Vice-Admiral P. G. M.) Herbert was not asleep and so he has a discussion with Woodward, and Fieldhouse is told at 0900 (May 2) and thinks Woodward's right and says he will try to have the Rules changed. And Fieldhouse actually got on to me on the telephone and reported to me the whole of the previous day's washup because I've got to brief the War Cabinet later. And then he says, by the way, Conqueror's now in touch with the Belgrano and we'd like to change the Rules and I say right, I agree, I think we should . . ."

(Mrs Thatcher has not said if the report of the Belgrano's sighting was conveyed to Fieldhouse, the Task Force Commander, as well as to Woodward during Saturday afternoon. If Fieldhouse was informed it would seem to throw Lewin's timing out of joint. He told us he and Fieldhouse conferred telephonically several times a day).

Digressing at that point, Lewin reflected that the Belgrano had not been lazing about on the high seas but was just 150 miles from the point where Task Force ships on Saturday May 1 had been bombarding Argentine positions on the islands. The fact that British ships had moved east at nightfall did not matter to Lewin who said "we might want to send them back; we want freedom of movement, we don't want enemy ships around when we're fighting a war. So I went to Chequers with Fieldhouse."

Members of the War Cabinet had assembled at the Prime Minister's country home

"We took the war cabinet into a side room," Lewin recalled. "We had this little meeting which lasted about 20 minutes, explained the situation and got agreement to authorise all submarines that they could now attack any Argentine warship that they intercepted outside territorial waters. This was telephoned through to Northwood and transmitted about 1300."

The first signal authorising Wreford-Brown to attack the Belgrano arrived garbled, Lewin said. It was repeated two hours later via an American satellite channel. Conqueror's commander announced the instruction over the vessel's tannoy system, telling his crew at the same time that he intended, with proper caution, to ask for a confirmation: Belgrano was outside the Total Exclusion Zone and had been ambling toward the mainland since about dawn; meantime, he suggested, while waiting everyone should take lunch. Around 1800 (London time) or 1400 (South Atlantic time) the confirmatory message through and then it was action stations.

Lewin said he was sure that Francis Pym, then visiting Washington, had been informed of the decision to change the Rules of Engagement permitting the attack on the Belgrano. Sir Anthony Acland, permanent head of the Foreign Office, telephoned him an hour or so after the decision was taken — by about 1400 hours London time. That meant Pym went into his meeting with Alexander Haig knowing that new military action was, at the least, probable. That knowledge may well have accounted for his apparently casual attitude to Haig's report to him on the Peruvian-American peace initiative.

Lord Lewin was emphatic that the military at all times considered themselves under the political control of the War Cabinet. He cited two proposals for changes in the Rules of Engagement, involving extraordinary military action, which were vetoed on grounds that their legality was dubious. One would have permitted hunter-killer attacks on warships within Argentine territorial waters. The other contemplated preemptive bombing strikes against mainland Argentine airfields.

On the first, he observed: "Our submarines once or twice saw Argentine naval units going along the coast in territorial waters and we could not attack them and this was frustrating. The Attorney General's (Sir Michael Havers') ruling was that an attack within territorial waters was tantamount to attacking the mainlan' and would be very difficult to justify in international law as self-defence."

He explained why the second idea was turned down: "The classic way of air defence is to knock out the enemy airforce on the ground before the planes take off. We looked at it from that point of view. Some of their airfields in the South Rio Grande are very isolated, and it was suggested that it would be a good idea to use Sea Harriers to do a quick dawn strike and knock off the Super Etendards before they took off. But the Attorney General said no, a strike against the mainland would be difficult to justify."

Additionally, Lewin said, Woodward could not afford the Sea Harriers. And, he noted, nor could the Task Force afford the 14 Victor tankers that would have been needed to sustain a Vulcan bomber when the possibility of an air raid on Buenos Aires was discussed.

The Belgrano was a handier target for a High Command hankering to display its power. It was on the high seas. British ships undoubtedly were vulnerable. The "threat" posed by the cruiser descended in scale from the "immediate" to the "potential." This enabled the military to invoke the factor of preemption and with it the idea of "get your retaliation in first."

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Mischief making to a fine art

Brian Sedgemore

THE BURGEONING dispute between members of the Inner London Education Authority and lecturers and students at London's four free-standing art schools could not have come at a worse time. With Ilea under attack from Sir Keith Joseph, and with members of Parliament like myself about to sit through the night on the Committee considering the Local Government Bill, defending its very existence, Ilea is in danger of scoring a stunning own goal.

Most of my political colleagues on Ilea believe that the merger of the art schools — Chelsea, St Martin's, Central and Camberwell — along with the London Colleges of Printing, Fashion, Furniture and the College of the Distributive Trades, to form the new London Institute is proceeding with the wholehearted approval of everyone concerned. Even the cynics amongst them are beginning to listen to their own publicity — which tells us that the new Institute will quickly achieve international as well as national fame. This is far from the truth.

One who now knows differently is Neil Fletcher, chairman of the Further and Higher Education Sub-committee which is expected to give the go-ahead for the new Institute at its meeting on February 13.

Although the Institute will not come into existence until January 1 1986 the intention is to appoint a director immediately. Front-runners for the post are believed to be Professor Tom Bromley, the art college hatchet man who chairs the Art and Design Working Group of the National Advisory Body, and Robin Plummer, who is currently dean of the faculty of art and design at Brighton Polytechnic. Plummer's record in polytechnics has shown him to be unsympathetic to the cause of art and design.

Not since the 1960s when the fashion was "big is beautiful" (the new Institute will have 12,000 students spread across 29 sites), and phrases like multi-disciplinary studies, technological innovation, and art for industry, flowed easily from the mouth, will there have been anything like it. Yet what is seen by Ilea, NAB and the Government as the march of progress in a post-industrial Britain, is seen by most of those affected as a regression towards barbarism, in which fine art and design is either devalued or valued not in itself, or for what it might enable us to become, but for what it contributes to various work places and industrial organisations.

Special concern is being expressed for the future and nature of fine art and degree courses. In ten years' time how many degree students will there be? What will have happened to professional part-time teaching by practising artists? What sort of pressures will have been applied to the curricula and within what sort of academic structures — collegiate, faculty or subject groups — will teaching take place? On all these questions Ilea is silent.

To the critics it seems both academically and artistically inexcusable, not to say philistine, for Ilea to have launched this new scheme without having formulated academic aims and objectives. When Neil Fletcher told a recent conference at County Hall, which I attended, that such objectives could not be worked out until after the structure of the Institute had been agreed, there was a gasp of astonishment from a packed and representative audience. the position was made worse by his further admission that the steering committee which has masterminded the scheme did not have the academic expertise to discuss academic objectives.

From that moment on, and during subsequent visits to individual art schools, Neil Fletcher has been so unmercifully grilled, and left so floundering by his back-up team, that one can only feel sorry for him. Certainly he looks like a man who senses that there's a slurry pit opening up beneath him.

When little art colleges such as Maidstone and Canterbury backed by Tory Kent County Council have fought off NAB mergers, it's surprising that Ilea, without the knowledge of the art schools concerned, should have colluded with the NAB over his mega-merger.

When I saw John Bevan, Secretary of NAB last year, he told me that NAB had played no part in and had no view on the formation of the London Institute. Publicly Ilea have not admitted to any pressure from NAB but privately both Philip Hunter, Deputy Education Officer, and Paul Temple who has drafted most of the papers for the merger, have given the game away. A tape-recording informs us that Paul Temple told staff at Chelsea recently "The fact is the authority has done a deal with NAB about art and design allocations — they are better than expected because we told them about the Institute proopsals . . . If we are not going forward with the proposal then the news from NAP would have been worse."

The sad thing here is that once the Institute is formed it can only be a matter of time before other free-standing art colleges in the country disappear into bigger academic institutions or are merged. Ilea is selling Britain's art colleges short for short term and maybe illusory gains.

When Ilea first considered the new Institute it established a steering committee and set up formal consultative machinery. Unfortunately the remit for the steering committee was not whether an Institute should be formed but what its composition should be. None too delicately, Norman Binch, Chief Inspector for Art and Design, told the colleges concerned that if they didn't accept the proposals they'd be merged with polytechnics. Worse, the reports of the steering committee which met seven times were never fully discussed by staff and students. Most teaching staff didn't see any of the steering group reports until November.

Neil Fletcher says it's not his fault if the consultation process failed. Possibly so, but where then does the buck stop? In any event, Ilea seem to think that informing people of what is happening constitutes consultation. This attitude is seen as patronising and inadequate by those concerned.

Of course there are supporters of the merger — Ian Simpson, the Principal of St Martin's, being the main one. That's ironic because St Martin's and Central Schools of Art have just come together in what must be one of the most shambolic rationalisations undertaken. This does not augur well for the new Institute.

If Ilea wants to restore its credibility it will not go ahead and confirm the setting up of the Institute on February 13. Instead, it would allow the eight constituent colleges to work out academic aims and objectives and come back in six months' time to see what structure can best meet these aims and objectives. In any event Ilea should be thinking about putting back the opening from January 1986 to January 1987. This would enable the views of the eminent artists and designers who work in the existing schools to take their rightful place in the formation of the new institution.

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OUT OF COURT

Peter Hain

LEAKING is what you do, briefing is what I do, the former Prime Minister, James Callaghan, is supposed to have said. Leaking details of ministerial mendacity on cruise missiles or the Belgrano is illegal; briefing journalists about a coming budget is — these days — normal and expected.

Even when the same breach of official secrecy has been committed, the law can be ruthlessly applied when those in government feel politically threatened, but deliberately breached when they find it politically expedient. In consequence, most British secrets trials are essentially "political trials," and the latest, Clive Ponting's, is no exception. But the scope for political discretion given by the Official Secrets Acts is equally evident in other areas of British law.

"The exercise of discretion lies at the heart of the policing function... It is the policeman's daily task," argues Lord Scarman. The argument seems reasonable — otherwise the system would collapse under the burden of extra prosecutions and the law would be brought into disrepute — but it provides abundant opportunities for the police to make what amount to political decisions. For example, they invariably tolerate mothers with babies in prams blocking traffic to demand a zebra crossing, but they arrest Greenham Common women committing the same offence of peacefully obstructing the highway.

The first group of women do not challenge the policies of the state: the second clearly do.

Considerable discretion is also exercised by prosecutors — whether the police, the Director of Public Prosecutions, or the Attorney General. This, it may again be argued, is perfectly sensible. For instance, only about 40 per cent of reported cases of incest reach the courts. It is considered that prosecutions in less serious cases do more harm than good.

But in many decisions on whether or not to prosecute political bias has played a part. As a former chief constable of Hertfordshire wrote of some modern cases: "Discretion means the freedom to break rules."

Judges have also been considerable discretion. They are given enormous power under Britain's system of common law effectively to make law by interpreting legislation as they see fit. A recent example was the view of transport law used by the judiciary to block the Labour GLCs cheap fares policy for London in 1981-82. They chose narrowly commercial criteria for their legal interpretation of efficiency, ignoring social criteria.

Less widely known is the way judges have thwarted women's rights. Legal rulings from the 1860s to the 1920s stating that in law women were not "persons," so denying them rights accorded to male "persons," are mirrored today in the treatment of women victims of rape. "It is known that women in particular and small boys are liable to be untruthful and invent stories," said Judge Sutcliffe in 1976 — one of many similar utterances by modern judges.

Judges have also been known to defy both the spirit and letter of Parliamentary legislation of which they disapprove, notably in judgments against trade unions. In 1979-80, several leading judges denounced the pro-union laws enacted by Labour in 1974-76. Lord Denning, then head of the Court of Appeal, said in a lecture in October 1977: "I hope we are keeping the (Labour) Government in order," adding "We (judges) have ways and means of getting round the law." Denning, who retired in 1982, had more influence on the nature of British law than hundreds of elected MPs. But a fellow Appeal Court judge remarked: "It has become impossible to connect anything he says or does with any known jurisprudence. He makes it up as he goes along."

In magistrates' courts, where over 90 per cent of cases are heard, discretion has also produced a consistent pattern of political bias. Recent examples have been the extraordinary bail conditions imposed by JPs on miners, some of them even being prevented from living in their own homes or spending Christmas with their families.

The majesty and mystery around Britain's legal system may help to invest it with the aura of an impartial, technical servant of the public. But is is so riddled with discretionary decisions that political bias is licensed as an integral part of the system. Political trials are merely the most visible result.

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Businesses can be branded uneconomic, employees can be shown the door, but communities cannot be boarded up. Ruth Wishart looks at how the people of Inverclyde are adjusting to a crisis that has left almost a quarter of the men without jobs, a crisis that is becoming bitterly familiar throughout post-industrial Britain.

That sinking feeling



VISION OF THE FUTURE? Pearl and Theresa help pensioners off The Factory's free bus



General view of Port Glasgow/Greenock area



VISION OF THE FUTURE? Oil rig being constructed in Scott Lithgoid yard. Pictures by Glyn Satterley

'Oh aye, we've taken our knocks here. But we're no gonny let them get away wi' it again, right Theresa?'

THE skyline gained brief national notoriety exactly one year ago when TV crews came in procession to record the death throes of shipbuilding on the lower Clyde, and the cameramen lovingly panned across the metallic sculpture of cranes and half finished rigs which rises steeply from the waterfront at Port Glasgow and Greenock. These twin industrial towns, 20 miles west of Glasgow, held their collective breath for a month and more as the future of Scott Lithgow, the major employer in the area, was debated in pubs and clubs and Parliament.

In the event, rumours of its demise proved exaggerated and the shipyard was privatised and bought by Trafalgar House. But by then half the 5,000 strong workforce had concluded that the voluntary redundancy still on offer from British Shipbuilders represented more security than the order books of a yard whose workforce had shrunk by 75 per cent in one decade.

Most of these were young men, men under 40, men with skills and school age children and confidence in their ability to find fresh employment, perhaps in the brave new world of high tech, already represented in the area by IBM and National Semi-Conductors. It didn't work out quite that way. Last week the Strathclyde region announced the most recent percentage rises in male unemployment for the districts in its area — a huge landmass which accounts for half the population of Scotland. In that least desirable of league tables, Port Glasgow, Greenock and neighbouring Gourock found they had secured the first three places.

The problem, as one employment consultant graphically put it, is that the area collectively known as Inverclyde, suffers from "a mismatch of skills."

The talents of the men who left the yards over the last three years are not appropriate to the needs of firms like IBM who, in any event, are in the employment market chiefly to harvest the brightest and best of the under-25s. In some respects Inverclyde is a microcosm of industrial Britain, trapped in the time warp between traditional manufacturing concerns and the sunrise industries. Once, almost every able bodied young man expected to go into the shipyards as two and three generations had before him. Now the three remaining firms of Scott Lithgow, Kincaid, and Ferguson Ailsa employ just 6,000 — around the same total workforce as the miniature silicon glen down the road.

And Lithgow's — still struggling to transplant shipbuilding skills to the requirements of the oil industry, and yet to win defence contracts for the next generation of submarines — is far from secure.

But then that kind of insecurity has been a way of life in these parts. Perhaps more daunting was the news last week that National Semi-Conductors, who last year announced a major expansion, said they now required to introduce short-time working. During last year's elongated crisis the local director of social work produced an emergency "damage control" report. Its bottom line was that if Lithgow's closed the effects would be "unique and catastrophic." In essence, the scale of the problem arose from the fact that 94 per cent of its workforce lived in the immediate vicinity. Were they to join the unemployment statistics simultaneously, the safety net would inevitably burst at the seams.

In the event, almost 2,500 men did leave the yard with an average age of 34 and an average pay-off cheque of just £2,500. Relatively few have managed to convert that into a business opportunity and those who found no work at all are now faced with the end of their unemployment benefit.

In hard statistical terms it means that almost a quarter of the local men are out of work, almost half of them in what the social workers deem in their unforgiving jargon "areas of priority treatment." it means that in Port Glasgow 30 per cent of the young people between 16 and 18 have no firm job.

Yet if that picture seems almost unrelievedly bleak, the response to the problem at local and national level has demonstrated both resilience and imagination. In a few weeks from now the Scottish Development Agency will unveil details of what has come to be known as the Inverclyde Initiative. The agency hired consultants, mixed them with local input from the business community, split them into "venture groups" and set them the task of coming up with realistic opportunities in fields like leisure, electronics, and property.

Among the likely proposals will be a re-vamped waterfront incorporating housing, and perhaps a marina and hotel complex. Allied to retraining projects, the agency will be talking of a multi-million pound investment, provided local private enterprise will respond with a major share of the funding.

Yet, however successful these proposals may prove, the agency knows that for some of the people concerned the essential re-training will not be for work, but for permanent unemployment.

For Inverclyde, like much of industrialised Britain, has to find a way of dealing with, and positively re-harnessing, what will in effect be the enforced leisure of those adults sidelined by the second industrial revolution.

The people most concerned with the rehabilitation of lower Clydeside are determined that this pool of unused labour be used and regarded as a local asset, rather than a liability. And while they wait for firm news of investment or diversification, the grassroots have displayed a quite remarkable determination not to be flattened.

The Factory, used to be just that, a three building complex in the midst of a partially derelict industrial estate on the steeply sloping hillside of Port Glasgow. But five tenants groups banded together a year ago and took it over with no firm promise of funding. Now they are employing 130 local people in a variety of concerns, ranging from their wintercare project for the elderly, to teams of workers for local draughtproofing and home security. Threading their way ever more skilfully through the maze of available public funding they're hopeful of an Urban Aid grant within the next month which will allow them to add re-training workshops.

Theresa Hannah and Pearl Simpson were active in two of the original groups who initially joined forces to buy community transport. But now they can be found daily at The Factory, helping with the projects and talking with considerable knowledge about such thorny contemporary matters as moulding the Manpower Services Commission to local needs.

There are considerable inbuilt frustrations, such as each MSC job being funded for a maximum of one year. "We just get people able to stand on their own feet and do a job for us without supervision when we have to let them go and start all over again with someone new," says Theresa. (The MSC masterplan, of course, is that the newly trained recruit shall then go off and find a job, but that's not a particularly fruitful hobby in these parts.)

"Then there's the kids. They come off the youth training at 16 and we can't put them in an MSC programme till they're 18, so there's that difficult period in between."

That difficult period can be dangerous too. It's one of the reasons a local group concerned about glue sniffing metamorphosed into a drugs abuse committee. "It's partly because they're bored, partly because they lose hope of getting a start," offers Pearl. "You know, we advertised the other day for a part time van driver and we had kids in here with all kinds of fancy qualifications. They'd rather do almost anything here in the factory than just hang about." Tommy Rogers is a Factory regular too. A one-time slinger craneman in the yards, he's now on the campaign committee which fights for better tenant access over running sores like housing repairs and dampness.

Last weekend his committee held an all day seminar with district and regional officials and contrived to lock them into a working party giving the tenants a permanent hotline to the council. Tommy, his arms full of folders, his voice full of new enthusiasms, injects a note of apology as we drive together into town. "Well maybe it's not what you'd call a proper job or anything, but at least I'm doing something to help."

Len Crooks, the Ulsterman hired to co-ordinate the factory's activities and burgeoning responsibilities, has few illusions about the size of the impact it can make.

"I well know we're only scratching the surface as far as unemployment goes but what's happening here is absolutely vital in terms of local morale. As long as the community can feel it is helping itself, it can feel it has a future."

That future is of vital concern to women like Theresa, with two of her five children on the dole, and three still to leave school. Her father was in the yards, and both grandfathers, and it saddens her to acknowledge that hers will probably be the last generation to think of itself as a shipbuilding community.

In neighbouring Greenock another locally inspired scheme is almost ready to go when the necessary funding can be found to breathe life into the blueprints.

The West Burn Centre will be for both employed and unemployed, but geared to the needs of the latter with workshops, offices, re-training programmes and a leisure centre complete with a cafe and kiosks for use as retail outlets for local craftsmen.

William Roe, one of a team who surveyed the scheme for the SDA, considers that the Centre could provide an ideal forum for swapping skills and ideas. "What places like West Burn could do is re-equip people to find new employment and, where that isn't possible, re-skill people so that they can at least play their part in re-building their community. I think the area has realised that a very important part of the equation in such a depressed situation is the attitude and energy and talents of the people."

It's a view echoed by industrial chaplain Colin Anderson, one of the prime movers behind West Burn.

"One thing we have going for us here is that we are a relatively small, compact community. It means that we can always get key people together quickly. The group which planned West Burn was first mooted just before Christmas in 1983 and was under way by the start of the New Year."

Compact is beautiful for the team in The Factory too. "I suppose some people might think our efforts are pretty small-time," says Theresa. "But I think we've made that work in our favour." But maybe it's Pearl who best represents the resilience of a community now resigned to reading periodic notices of its own obituary.

"Oh aye, we've taken our knocks here. And sometimes you go home at night and you're just that depressed. But then you wake up the next morning and say to yourself 'Naw. We're no' gonny let them away wi' it again. They're no gonny do it tae us. We're gonny show them, right Theresa?"

Vanity Fair

WE'VE had a Reactionary in Urbleton Polytechnic. Reactionary never did like Blacks, so it was a bit of bad luck that he picked this college, an institution particularly keen on anti-racist strategy. But having made his choice, he had to stick to it, so his has been a sad and moving story.

Rejected by the other students, Reactionary has been moved all over the place, from the most Eastern to the most Western of our college premises, to the creche, studying alone with his tutor among cots and gurgling babies, and at last to a shed belonging to our polytechnic, because this is a free country and thankfully our courts are determined that everyone in it shall receive an education, even Reactionary, who only ever wanted to sop up knowledge.

After all, nobody saw him sticking fascist stickers in the lavatories. Could have been anyone. So, to show students of the crazed Left that he meant business, Interim Temporary Director directed that all students on Reactionary's course should be squidged into the shed with him. Naturally, ITD also realised that no Free Radical Student could be forced to sit next to Reactionary, and no Free Red Tutor could be forbidden to give students free tutorials elsewhere, which meant that Reactionary still ended up alone.

He's been advised to take his own packed-lunch into the shed, but won't need a thermos. Coffee facilities will be provided. Reactionary must have peace in which to study. And there's to be no more picketing and rioting by students, nor rudeness to Reactionary, otherwise it will be mass gaolings, expulsions all round, and blood in the streets. Reactionary has suffered enough. He's even been reprimanded severely, and he is, if only students would realise it, a mere tool in the hands of the mighty.

At least that what the Paranoid Left might say. It's all a plot to get rid of Urbleton Polytechnic, hotbed of corrupt and maddened radicals. Our Government has realised that there are far too many such colleges. It knows only too well that "responding imaginatively and progressively to the needs of inner-city communities" means pandering to minorities and providing a breeding ground for activists of the Fascist Left.

It's got to be stopped and that's the way to do it. Pop in a Reactionary, stir up and enrage the students, close down the college, and that gets rid of another rabid lefty stronghold. The plot's going very well so far. Directors are dropping off like flies, students lie helpless in overcrowded gaols and closure has been threatened.

It might also seem that there has been yet a further plot, whereby agents of the Right have been sneaked in, posing as the wildest of radical lecturers, to agitate the students and discredit the True Left, because what sensible lecturer would want to whip up his/her students into a frenzy of rebellion and so turn Reactionary into a winsome hero? This second Plot might explain to puzzled, middle-class liberals why students haven't remained more calm from the word go. They've been got at by trick lecturers.

But now they've promised to keep calm, and they'd better, or they might be suspended or prosecuted for incitement to racial hatred, like Reactionary wasn't.

Michele Hanson

Too conservative for the city?

Martin Pawley explains how the architectural heritage threatens the commercial future

TONIGHT in the splendid surroundings of the Guildhall, the City of London Planning and Communications Committee will hold its annual dinner. The event will be of more than usual interest for two reasons: first, because the principal speaker will be Peter Palumbo—whose plan to create a new square alongside the Mansion House dominated by a modern steel and glass banking tower it so recently roundly rejected, and second, because some at least of the committee's members have suddenly realised that many more such rejections might actually kill off the square mile as a world financial centre.

The event that triggered the hasty feting of Mr Palumbo and the focus of financial attention upon planning and design, was the publication last November of the City of London draft local plan. A 269-page document emanating from the office of the City Architect and Planner Stuart Murphy, the plan is intended to lay down the ground rules for what may and may not be built in the city between now and the end of the century.

It is now in what is called the consultation phase, and several hundred copies have been circulated to the businesses where 300,000 people work and the 2,000 dwellings where the remaining residents of the City live.

The plan is so marinated in conservationist thinking that it has aroused a hornet's nest of opposition, and its supporters are desperate to attract criticism from the friends of ancient buildings in order to head off the charge that it is an antiquarians' charter.

To say that the bankers and property men in the City do not like the plan is to put it mildly. The Associated Owners of City Properties has bitterly denounced it as "a recipe for turning a flourishing and dynamic financial centre into an outdoor museum for the benefit of tourists ...

"If the object of the plan is to ensure that the City of London goes into an accelerating state of decline as the office centre for the major concerns in the national and international business community," it notes in its formal response, "then it is hardly possible to conceive of anything more likely to succeed." Lord Camoys, vice-chairman of Barclays Merchant Bank and chief executive designate of the new Barclay de Zoete Wedd banking and stockbroking conglomerate, believes there is "a tremendous potential conflict between the policies enshrined in the plan and the idea that the City must remain competitive for the future of the British economy as a whole."

Nicholas McAndrew, managing director of Rothschilds merchant bank, takes the same view; he cites the case of a refurbished office building in Cornhill belonging to the Worshipful Company of Grocers that has remained unlet for more than a year because City planners insisted on the retention of a historic banking hall. "The hall is ludicrously large, a ghastly waste of space that belongs to another age and has no place in modern banking," he says. "Today the trend is towards amalgamations and large blocks of properly serviced, high technology office space." According to Lord Camoys, the de-regulation of the Stock Exchange has created a massive demand for 10,000 square feet, open-plan office floors for large dealing-rooms equipped with miles of coaxial cable and advanced communications technology costing as much as £3 million a floor.

"There could be as many as 30 or 40 new operations of this type trying to get into the City in the next few years. They are not going to put up with refurbished mini-banking halls lurking behind Dickensian facades. The £5 billion in invisible earnings we win now does not come to the City of London by divine right. It could easily bleed off to New York or Tokyo — and it certainly will if the City is sterilised to prevent the construction of high-technology financial service buildings."

Apart from the rejection of Palumbo's proposed Mies van de Rohe tower — which offers exactly the 10,000 square foot highly-serviced floors that are urgently necessary although it was dismissed by the City Architect as "old fashioned" — there are other examples of the way in which conservationist planning threatens the primary economic function of the City. More than a decade ago Land Securities Investment Trust commissioned YRM architects to design an advanced office building on a Philpot Lane site. The version currently under construction has a gross area of only 30,000 square feet instead of the 80,000 that would have been possible if a refurbished existing building had not been required to be incorporated.

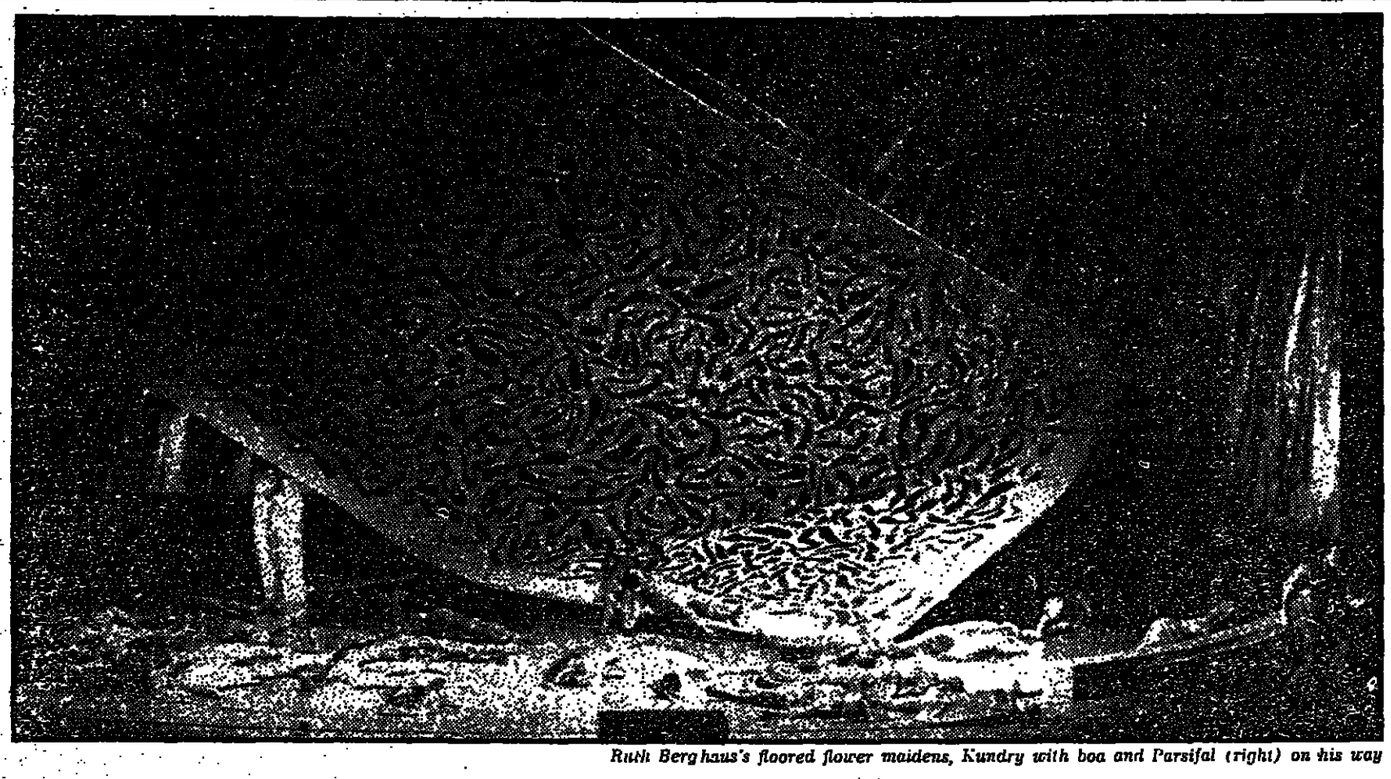
"Planning policies led to the mixture of new building and refurbishment," says managing director Peter Hunt. "We would much rather have redeveloped completely." City Architect Stuart Murphy does not agree: "The general standard of architectural planning applications I see is abysmal," he told a group of architects last year. "Architecture is extremely site-specific in a close-grained area like the City. That is how to avoid mediocrity."

For City financiers the problem is not so much one of mediocrity as of survival. As Courtney Blackmore, Lloyds project development manager and the man responsible for the new Richard Rogers Lloyds building — the only world-class financial building under construction in the City at present — puts it; "We have to decide whether the City of London is going to be the greatest place for doing business in the third millennium, or whether it is going to be a museum."

There are in fact 16 different policy statements in the plan that can be directly deployed to frustrate new building; and the entire list of 122 policies is unprioritised — leaving the planners free to mould development in their own conservationist image if the document is adopted. Under the plan 30 per cent of the City is included in conservation areas, within which buildings, facades and street patterns will be legally protected against redevelopment. In the City core — the area surrounding the Bank of England — 70 per cent will be conserved, with not only listed buildings but another 130 unlisted properties protected because they "contribute to the special character and appearance of the area. Not only does this vast programme of conservation place an enormous financial load on the ratepayers of the City, but its proven inutility for their central economic function acts as a positive disincentive.

City planners may boast that their restrictive policies actively disperse the wealth and job-creating power once concentrated in the square mile — by driving stockbrokers to Hackney, or insurance companies to Whitechapel — but they should have a care that their forced decentralisation does not turn into a migration that would not stop until Brussels, New York or Tokyo.

All 12 City Livery Companies, four Lord Mayors, and an alliance of bankers and property interests are strongly critical of the draft plan — not because they are uniformly philistine, but because they cannot see walking tours and Barbican concerts as a reasonable substitute for 21st-century banking.



Ruth Berghaus's floored flower maidens, Kundry with boa and Parsifal (right) on his way

Tom Sutcliffe reviews the ENO's new Tristan and Ruth Berghaus's Parsifal in Frankfurt

The way to throw the book at Wagner

IF YOU are going to take Wagner's Parsifal at all seriously its political implications can scarcely be ignored. Ruth Berghaus certainly recognises this in her Frankfurt production, now more than two years old and still earning boos and cheers whenever it is shown. Paradoxically, Berghaus's Parsifal is also much the funniest and most human interpretation that I have seen of a work that can all too often be heavy with piety.

Tristan and Isolde, on the other hand, does not seem to invite a political gloss. Two wills may triumph, but there is barely any social context for the personal morality under debate. And in Götz Friedrich's undernourished ENO production, created years back for the Netherlands Opera, there is precious little context at all — apart from the concept of a spiral that inspired the abstract set designs.

Friedrich's Tristan seems to expect strongly characterised musical performances and offers a neutral background for simple narrative. Few props, apart from a giant tantalus where Isolde keeps her simples, the odd sword, and a torch in the second act that was doused before Isolde could reach it; and few extras. The lines of sou'westered sailors in Act One don't sing the choruses, which are feeble and offstage, but jump up and sit down mechanically, rather like the platoon of soldiers following King Mark in Act Three, who visibly dispose of Kurwenal. The actions of the principals are predictable and stale.

Even the music stubbornly refused to glow. A Reginald Goodall performance has rarely struck me as so disengaged and incoherent, Act 1 frigidly flat-footed, the Act 2 passionlessly becalmed, and even the brilliant neurotic Act 3 only briefly finding form at the climax of Tristan's great unbuttoning. Alberto Remedios sang quite beautifully as Tristan, a bit under power beside the Isolde of Johanna Meier, but musical, sensitive, vocally telling, bravely filling in the notes.

The trouble with Remedios's Tristan is that it's a neurotic character he doesn't yet understand, and so the performance lacks authenticity. Meier is an accomplished, strong, but depressingly homogenised Isolde. It's a tragedy that Linda Esther Gray withdrew, and perhaps explains Goodall's failing to find fire. There was certainly little in the rest of the cast to keep his heart in it. Both Geoffrey Chard's Kurwenal and John Tomlinson's King Mark were vocally distressing. Tomlinson's top has gone, his bottom is hollow and he should take a long rest. Only Linda Finnie's thrilling Brangane was right up to standard.

There has always been something hit or miss about Goodall; when the spirit is there and he is working with his preferred artists, one warms to the idiosyncracies. Goodall's Wagner, for instance his Valkyrie in Cardiff last year, can be totally seductive when one is flooded by him with Wagner's special pleading, helplessly subject to the trance-like, mind-blowing, epic process.

With Berghaus's Parsifal the reverse is true. The work is shown expressively, but the audience is never encouraged to get lost in the hypnotic pace or surrender an objective appreciation of the ideas that the composer is mobilising. Wit comes before heart. And Michael Gielen conducts a clean coherently laid out, moving yet appropriate musical account for such a clear-eyed staging.

Alex Manthey's front cloth, with the outline of a sleeping nude woman, blobs of the three primary colours and a white arrow pointing up to the right, hints at the strict economy and utility of what is to come. The first scene discovers Gurnemanz like a Victorian schoolmaster in frock coat and spectacles, with a long white staff, standing beside a desklike structure and before a kind of blackboard on which is set a giant open tome. Under the desk asleep are the four squires, bald, with black racoon-like make-up round their eyes, sporting grey greatcoats over their Hitler Youth shorts and shirt and tie. The acting area is confined to a narrow strip at the front of Frankfurt's giant revolve which is brilliantly exploited for the transformations.

In the blackboard are set metal runs up which the squares attempt to clamber. The idea of the knights' order as a very odd kind of school, with Gurnemanz as kind of Nietzschean pedagogue is rapidly and lightly established. When Amfortas, bandaged like the risen Lazarus, comes in wearing a paper party crown, he is a reluctant leader dragooned by his attendants, if need be with rabbit punches.

When we find that Gawain has left "without leave," Gurnemanz takes out a notebook and jots his name down — for detention later. The swan that Parsifal kills is depicted in a triptych that suddenly opens up at the top of the blackboard. Parsifal himself is a kind of jocular mechanic with curly hair and bright red overalls who climbs on to the set over the top of the blackboard — an intruder from another class (in both senses), willing enough, eager not to offend, but utterly ignorant and bewildered — with an almost childlike interest in the bizarre goings on. In fact, a wonderful comment on the whole pretension of the opera itself.

Usually we are encouraged to identify with the knights and with order. Berghaus makes that impossible, which is bound to offend the more fascist minded Wagnerites. When after a wonderful scene change that Parsifal thoroughly enjoys, we get to the cavelike and anal grail-hall, we see the whole thing from Parsifal's point of view — as a kind of absurd, degenerate ritual. The knights have briefcases rather than communion cups and plates, and when the grail is displayed they open their greatcoats towards it like a bunch of flashers. The grail being simply a huge O that glows red. From the roof of the cave a great icicle points down towards the centre of the O. Many of the knights, wearing black masks over their eyes like 3-D spectacles, get sent by the heavenly choir — weaving around, drunk with the aesthetic experience, which Parsifal finds utterly amazing. One of their number keels over dead, but nobody notices.

Klingsor's magic castle in the central act is presented as an upended closed book down whose spine points the arrow/spear that he has taken from Amfortas. Klingsor is a fallen angel, his eyes still surrounded in black, like the squires', but the world in which he lives uses the vastness of the Frankfurt stage to create a sense of liberation. I have never seen the relationship between Kundry and Klingsor so physically realised. Nor have I seen such a genuinely sensual expression of the attempted seduction of Parsifal by the red, yellow and blue flower maidens — painting round his erogenous zones.

Berghaus is that rare phenomenon, a choreographer with a brain. There is no question of the meaningfulness of what she presents on stage. But the techniques at her disposal, the possibilities of physical movement, are liberated by her dance background from too onerous an obligation to naturalism. Few opera producers, apart from Patrice Chéreau and David Freeman, dare to use the body like this.

I am less sure that the production sustains its freshness and originality throughout the final act. The Good Friday spell has Parsifal and Kundry roll back cloths from the steeply ramped floor, revealing primary colours painted on the wood below. The emotions of the piece are too drained. The ultimate joke, the final solution as it were of Wagner's problems, is just too neat and clever. When Parsifal in his red leather greatcoat assumes Amfortas's paper crown and does duty with the grail, he stands inside the O holding the arrow spear pointing upwards — and the knights all flash their overcoats at guess what? The male symbol.

Berghaus's staging is a devastating critique of Wagner's most puzzling achievement. But in its puritanical and strictly ideological refusal to evoke many of the human emotions buried in the piece it is not the last word but highly partial. It maybe impossible to reconcile the subjective and the objective approach to operative interpretation, but however dangerous and questionable the Wagnerian allure, you must go along with it to discover the truths about human nature buried behind Wagner's paradoxical politics. An impure experience, but fertile. And Berghaus's cut and dried criticism does not measure up to Wagner's awkward genius.

I must briefly record that in John Bröcheler's Amfortas, Siegfried Vogel's Gurnemanz, Walter Raffeiner's Parsifal, Tom Fox's Klingsor and Gail Gilmore's Kundry, Frankfurt has assembled a cast that ideally meets Berghaus's needs, with marvellously clear words, and singing acting of special quality.

TELEVISION

Hugh Hebert

A Will to Win

NOW would she wear that with small children spooning porridge all over her, inquires the founder of the latest magazine for women. And the only possible answer, you think, eyeing the slinky silky thing, is Yes, but only once. In the 1960s, Audrey Slaughter gave teenagers Honey, in the 70s she gave the same girls Over 21, and now in the 80s she offers them a monthly magazine called Working Woman, a title that must be puzzling to 95 per cent of females, who never knew there was any other kind.

The odd thing about A Will To Win (BBC-2) was that no one really explained by what process of desperate eliminations they had come up with this title.

It fazed the newsagents, anyway, who didn't know whether it belonged with magazines on Beauty or those on Home, and ended presumably by shoving it away with Do It Yourself. Still we can assume Slaughter, a k a The Flame-Haired Temptress, knows what she wants in her magazines: in this one, no fiction, no horoscopes — these girls make their own destiny — and no sex techniques, though she does have an agony column ("It seems his wife is increasingly jealous of him working for a woman could a sex change be the quickest way to a salary rise?")

In Knockback (BBC-2) Sylvia, with her breakdown and her marriage ended, turns not to an agony columnist but but to good works as a prison visitor. "I don't believe in altruism," she tells her mildly shocked welfare colleagues, "people do things because they want to, because there's something in it for them."

Since this is based on a true story chronicled in a book, the Guardian and elsewhere, we know that one of the things in it for her at the end of the day is marriage — for a while — to Alan, who in 1965 was the first man to get a life sentence for murder after hanging was abolished. In part one yesterday though, we got no further than their first meeting, after what must have been a remarkable correspondence, flicked through in the last 10 minutes of the film like last year's grocery bills.

Brian Phelan's script might have made that correspondence his framework, or might have told us more about Alan's character and crime ("carefully planned, ruthlessly executed," says the judge, but in a brief flashback it looks more like provocation and self-defence). Instead, most of the 95 minutes went on yet another exposition of the soul-destroying nature of the penal system, represented here by the brightest, cleanest prison and the most amiable screws you've seen on screen in years. Which, I suppose, has a certain originality. Pauline Collins and Derrick O'Connor work honourably and hard at it, and it may take off next week, but this first episode felt like a pretty long sentence to me.

The fuse on Alan Plater's The Beiderbecke Affair (Yorkshire) has been pretty long and smoky too, but last night's fourth episode showed a first modest glimpse of flame. James Bolam's jazz-loving teacher still doesn't seem to have woken up, which is understandable given the rambling mystifications of the plot, involving a cut price door-to-door sales round, a daft graduate detective, a pensioner who wants to be a super grass, and two of the teacher's girl friends. Just take it scene by scene, and laugh if the script seems to demand it, and you happen to be conscious at the time.

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Edward Seckerson

Child of our Time

IN A week that has belonged largely to Sir Michael Tippett, my thoughts have tuned again and again to his unquenchable spirit of affirmation. There, surely, lies the key to his music's immediacy and durability. Whatever the issues, however bleak the social prognosis, Tippett always seems to respond with vitality, optimism, and compassion.

On Friday, under Sir John Pritchard, we leapt back more than 40 years as his war-time oratorio, A Child of Our Time, re-wove its consoling spell, those wonderful Negro spiritual settings proclaiming once more that man's fortitude can prevail, that the power and will of the individual can triumph over injustice and adversity. It is here, in these spirituals, that Tippett's work goes public, here that he draws us in to share in his compassion, and here that this particular performance achieved a certain fervour.

Not everything else was as accomplished. Sir Michael himself looked pleased enough, but I had hoped the occasion might inspire Pritchard and his forces more. Such is the conciseness of gesture on which the various choruses and solos are built (very exposed, very demanding), that unanimity and rhythmic security are all. There were simply too many loose ends, too much that was fractionally tentative and imprecise from both chorus and orchestra. Tension ebbed.

But the spirituals rolled out and conquered and we were blessed, at the prow, with the vibrant soprano of Faye Robinson, the ache in her voice engendering real heartbreak for "How can I cherish my man in such days", the wordless quartet heralding "Deep river" led off so ecstatically by her soaring excursions above the stave. Alfreda Hodgson and John Shirley-Quirk were the well-seasoned alto and bass soloists. Kenneth Riegel sounded uneasily throaty on the tenor line.



Paul Bradley as the Scoundrel

ORANGE TREE

Michael Billington

Diary of a Scoundrel

LAST year the Orange Tree Richmond gave us a stunning revival of Tolstoy's Power of Darkness. Now they follow it with a work by the dramatist Tolstoy most admired, the father of Russian realism: The Diary of a Scoundrel by Alexander Ostrovsky written in 1868 and translated by Rodney Ackland in 1949. The result, even if not a great classic, is a sprightly Russian comedy built on the Jonsonian pattern of using a knave to expose a pack of fools.

The impoverished hero, Yegor Gloumov, has two overriding aims: to wheedle his way into a Civil Service job and to find a bride with a fat dowry. To this end he flatters an influential uncle while making love to his over-sexed wife, ghosts speeches and articles for a professed liberal and an arch-reactionary and ingratiates himself with a batty old religious mystic to gain the hand of her niece. His one mistake is to keep a satirical diary recording his inmost thoughts. When that is discovered he is exposed as a ruthless opportunist but rounds on his accusers crying: "You can't live without a person like me."

Ostrovsky tells you a lot about Russian society under the corrupt, tottering autocracy of Alexander II. But, although shades of Jonson and Moliere hover in the air, the play lacks greatness partly because the hero's undoing rests on negligence (he carelessly leaves his diary lying around) and partly because his rise to the top is too easy. Everyone, except for a blackmailing gossip columnist, caves in before his mock-innocent charm: contrast a masterpiece like Tartuffe where the hero hourly risks exposure.

What is fascinating is how much Ostrovsky sympathises with his rogue-hero. Himself born on the wrong side of the Moscow river, he sees him as the honest man in a society rotten with hypocrisy; and along the way he paints a graphic picture of a world where a Civil Service post is a sinecure for the mediocre, the serfs have been liberated without any improvement in their lot, and old men turn a blind eye to adultery within the family in order to keep hot-blooded outsiders at bay.

But, although the play lacks danger, Peter Rowe's production is brisk, animated and acted with the right touch of intransigent selfhood. Paul Bradley's stuffed, shabby Yegor exudes the secret rage of a bilious cherub. Philippa Gail is malevolently sexy as a Muscovite adulteress and Peter Guinness as a snobbish servant makes a prodigious meal out of his sneering distaste for the dirty tramps who came to the door posing as religious pilgrims. That kind of social detail compensates for the play's lack of real conflict.

ALBERT HALL

Ronald Atkins

Abdullah Ibrahim

HOPES of hearing Abdullah Ibrahim's Ekaya ensemble for the second time in recent months were dashed when the plane carrying four of the seven members failed to leave New York. Fortunately the most important musicians, Carlos Ward and the leader, were already in Europe and the large audience appreciated an excellent display by Ibrahim's quartet.

In the past, he has tended to leave most of the solos to Ward and others because his style at the piano is best suited to unaccompanied performance. Here, he took his share of the limelight, rhapsodising on one number and laying down boogie-like patterns on the next: each time, the rhythm section kept a discreet profile and did not attempt to influence the course of the pianist's expressiveness.

On both flute and alto-saxophone, Ward showed how much a talented musician benefits from working regularly with a leader whose themes are strong enough to project themselves without emotional excess. In Ward's playing, the stridency of the disco sound is mellowed by lyricism and put across with the sophistication of a man who has mastered earlier and more complex forms of improvising. He and Ibrahim make up one of the outstanding musical partnerships.

There is a history of virtuosi from classical music and elsewhere making fools of themselves when placed in a context of uncompromising jazz. Paco de Lucia is not among them. Playing acoustic-guitar duets with so knowing a practitioner as John McLaughlin provided a good test and de Lucia passed it without breaking sweat. Whereas McLaughlin rised a pick, de Lucia extracted a noticeably cleaner sound by plucking the strongs with his fingers. In speed and swing, he held his own.

Alex Hamilton reviews the new paperbacks

Passion flowers

The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith by Thomas Keneally (1972, Falmingo £2.50). The Booker Prize winner's angriest book. It's the story of how Aboriginal dignity, honour, pride and consciousness were corrupted, destroyed and spat upon by coarse, smug and ignorant whites. The ambitious young Jimmy seeks to enter the white man's world, and is willing to give up his own tribal identity to do so, but he is merely shapped up in one bite and blugeoned back as a lost soul into the darkness. A short, powerfully crafted novel, its sarcasm and violence are woven into an almost lyrical celebration of the spirits of Australia — the place names and superstitions, both ancient and new.

The source of the myths and the centre of the magic of the Aboriginals is explored in quite another style by Keneally in the illustrated large-format historical survey called Outback (1983, Coronet £7.95) which also turns out the anecdotes and struggles of the white settlers surviving there, everything from drought to tornado, bloody murder to flying doctors, on the long harsh trail from Alice Springs to Darwin.

Bilgewater by Jane Gardam (1976, Abacus £2.50). This was one of those early Gardam novels — no less penetrating, no less comically painful, no less elegant, than her later work — which, because they were published on a children's list, were relished, passed round and reviewed by a relatively small and unregarded circle of readers and critics. Now they are appearing on an adult list, and rightly so: how did the publishing law spring up that says a young protagonist implies a young readership? This is a funny, sad and clever romance, with a cast of her typically cranky characters, finding humour in the tricks played by the passing of time and love.

Aristotle to Zoos by Peter and Jean Medawar (1983, Oxford £4.95). A philosophical dictionary of biology, which is not meant to be comprehensive, nor consulted as a reference book, nor seen as a philosophic treatise of the 19th-century Germanic style. It is meant to be skipped; that's to say, if you find your mind congested at the point of information intake, or for that matter absorbing too rapidly information you did not wish to gather, then move away, elsewhere, browse in a separate pasture. There are 200 plus to choose among, brief essays on the life sciences, on nucleic acids, clones, nature and nurture, reductionism etc, and in every case they are models of synthesis, and most of them contain ironies or dispassionate dismissals of false lines of reasoning or an attack on some pseudo-problem (usually invented by the much disparaged "nature philosophers"). Very enjoyable.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House by Donald Hoffman (1984, Dover/Constable £7.95). It's a reflection of the dollar tyranny that the Dover imports, illustrated books in a wide range of the arts from social fashion to great painters, which have been such good value, have at last succumbed to the pressure for a considerable increase in price. This one is a rare example of the house-builders' habit of photographing work-in-progress producing a result interesting beyond a circle of friends. It illustrates both the whole cycle of one creation of Lloyd Wright, the missionary architect in Chicago, invited by a young businessman in 1908 to make him a dream house, and the symbiotic asset of a good client.

Red Sea Shells by Doreen Sharabati (1984, Kegan Paul International £10). The Red Sea, because of its peculiar semi-enclosed location, has many shells unique to it, as well as a splendidly representative collection from the entire region. But although it offers such treasure to the amateur conchologist there has been no modern guide to its specimens. The author picked up her first shell only ten years ago, so, in spite of a voucher collection of the species in this book being now housed in the British Museum of Natural History, she is not dauntingly distant from the novice for whom the book is intended. In addition to the identification notes there is a careful introduction to the area and the whole topic of collection, a simply worded glossary, a bibliography and a well-categorised index. The photographs by her Saudi husband — an enthusiast of many years — are nearly all life-size and alluring.

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Why a review body is the best option for pits

So now (at least until the next unattributable briefing) we know: there is to be no gloating and no bragging. The Prime Minister apparently no longer insists upon a written guarantee that "uneconomic pits" are on the agenda before talks about talks get under way tomorrow. On the other hand there will be no fudge. Management's right to manage must be recognised, as part of a deal based upon last autumn's Nacods settlement. That allows for an independent, but non-binding, review of contested pit closures. At the same time, talk of "hit lists" is with us once again. This time it is rumoured that, come hell or high water, twenty loss-making pits are for the chop within six months of a settlement. If the union does not like that prospect then so much the worse for the union.

It takes only a smallish portion of cynical realpolitik to marry the two positions. The union is coming out of this dispute badly battered. The mass of the membership is deeply in debt. It will be a long time before they walk off the job again. In context then and strictly as a face-saver the union can have its non-binding review body. If management elects consistently to ignore decisions it does not like, there is precious little the union can do. Uneconomic pits will eventually close. The realities of power matter more than the small print of any settlement.

Even so a review body remains the best option available to the union and one that if taken seriously, could benefit both the industry and the nation. Two things should by now be common ground: first, keeping every pit, however grotesquely uneconomic, open for ever and a day is downright nonsense; and secondly, the board's accountancy methods are substanially less than Holy Writ. (In public the union will, of course, still challenge the former proposition and the board the latter. They both have their audiences to play to.) For the mass of moderate men on the NUM Executive and for the professional Coal Board managers that common ground should provide a common objective. Their aim must surely be the creation of a powerful and coherent appeals tribunal with a chairman of national authority and stature. The sort of tribunals whose publicly argued decision it would be a genuine embarrassment to ignore.

On occasion the tribunal might rule in favour of closure and Coal Board investment in new industry to absorb job losses. (Steel under Mr Ian MacGregor had a good record of just such job creation. And it is a better way of investing public money than throwing seductively large redundancy payments to middle aged men who will never work again.) On occasion the tribunal might suggest substantial social subsidy to preserve a disputed pit. That in turn might involve a joint approach to government seeking specific state aid. (The Government already subsidises clearly defined loss making railway lines on social grounds.) On other occasions the tribunal might feel that the board had got its sums wrong or that only the most marginal of losses were involved. On still other occasions the NUM would be told very firmly that the pit in question should indeed be closed and the displaced miners must learn to accept a half-hour coach ride to the neighbouring valley. (Not all mining communities are anything like as isolated as the union likes to claim and millions of workers commute considerable distances daily without complaint.) But the crucial thing is that the conclusions from the new tribunal should be clear, public and vigorously defended by the tribunal itself.

Reporting racial harassment

Thames Television is still picking up the pieces after its TV Eye programme "Racial Outlaws" transmitted the week before last. The documentary looked at the extent of racial harassment on East End council estates and at the actions to combat it taken by the Commission for Racial Equality. The programme has already led to an angry "right to reply" session in which the programme makers met their critics. The common ground between TV Eye, the CRE and the locally based critics is that racial prejudice and racial harassment are widespread, increasing and increasingly coordinated. The lot of Asian families living on such estates and, in particular, those attempting to move into the notorious Exmouth estate in Stepney (upon which the programme focused) is appalling. Beyond that, however, there has been precious little meeting of minds.

The focus of "Racial Outlaws" was upon the very significant numbers of whites who object to the arrival of Asian families in their midst. They provide the environment within which it is possible for the far smaller number of racist and Fascist thugs to go about their violent and intimidatory business. In other contexts, community relations groups might have been expected to welcome such an examination. At the centre of their analysis is, after all, the proposition that society is "institutionally racist" and that a mood of unthinking and instinctive racism is endemic. National Fronters and their ilk are merely the boils upon the generally ugly face of society. The criticism voiced by the Bishop of Stepney and others is of the emotional power of visual images. A sobbing Mrs McDonnell is shown being evicted after a court case in which her sons were found to have harassed Asian neighbours. Voice-over remarks about the brutality of that harassment lack the visual impact of the eviction.

Equally, council tenants are shown in an angry meeting, discussing the legal action initiated against them by the CRE for signing a petition demanding an end to the placement of Asians upon the estate. The implication is that the CRE is out to restrict the right of free speech and debate — however obnoxious the arguments. In fact, legal action will succeed only if the petition is construed by the courts as an invitation to the housing authority to indulge in unlawful discrimination. There could be no legal redress against tenants who signed a petition to Downing Street asking for the abolition of race relations legislation. There are — as the critics have amply demonstrated — obligations upon programme makers to explain the context of their images and to consider the impact they have. What is worrying about the current row is the suggestion from some of the more radical critics that the degree of support for racist attitudes upon East End estates should not be revealed in case it somehow legitimises racism. That would be to blame the reporter for reporting bad and sad news.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confidence tricked

Sir, — In 1980, the British Association for Counselling passed overwhelmingly a resolution affirming the importance of maintaining confidentiality in all counselling situations. In particular, this resolution affirmed the importance of confidentiality in counselling services to young people below the age of majority and consent.

This is still our policy; BAC is now an association representing 2,300 individual members and 150 organisations, including many who work with families and young people. It would be incompatible with our code of ethics and practice to accept that a counsellor must, by law, inform parents when a minor has discussed matters concerning sex, including birth control.

It has been the aim of Mrs Gillick and her supporters to establish this by law, in the belief that confidentiality takes away the rights of parents. It seems to have been overlooked that the past guidelines laid down by the DHSS state clearly "that special care is needed not to undermine parental responsibility and family stability," seeking to "persuade the child to involve its parents or guardians at the earliest stage of consultation."

The guidelines have now been changed by the DHSS in response to Mrs Gillick's campaign, so that a young person cannot seek help with the certainty of confidentiality. In this new situation we feel that help will not be sought at all and the opportunity to rebuild communication and trust within the family, where it has been broken, will be lost. Those at risk will remain at risk, with the likelihoold of an increase in the number of juvenile pregnancies and back-street abortions.

Counsellors recognise the importance of family relationships and would aim to strengthen these bonds: where they exist. Unhappily, many young people seek help because, for them, such bonds do not exist. To take away the certainty of confidentiality would also affect the trust of young people like these; they too would not seek help leaving only their sense of social alienation, which itself may be the cause of their problems.

We urge all those who are concerned about this important issue of confidentiality, to press for an appeal against the new DHSS ruling and to reaffirm and support the earlier guidelines unequivocably and urgently.

Roger Casemore.
British Association for Counselling,
Rugby, Warwickshire.

Soap bubbles

Sir,—It's distressing to see the BBC's reaction to the "Dallas Affair" (January 25). Do we have to act like spoiled children. Michael Grade is paid by public monies to put Dallas out *when the public want it*, and not withhold it to play "yaboo sucks to you" with Thames Television. Grow up. — Yours etc.

Spike Milligan.
London W 2.

Why CND must learn to use its vote

Sir,—In her fair and thoughtful article (Grassroots, January 19) Susan Thomas asks two important questions. First, do CND and the Greenham Common women have any effect? Despite the sensational growth in members described by Bruce Kent we appear to have achieved little.

"The debate has not deterred a single missile implant," the article declares. That is true — but it isn't the whole story. One of the main reasons the Geneva talks recommenced this month was the peace movement's strength throughout the world. Politicians now know that peace is popular.

Although that movement started in Britain other nations have now developed even more powerful anti-nuclear forces. In Holland and Belgium they have recently forced their coalition governments to back down on installing the missiles — certainly for the time being. In West Germany the next government is likely to take the same step.

Susan Thomas then asks "whether mere protest can ever ban the bomb, and whether CND's only real hope is in completing its conversion of the Labour Party and working for a Labour victory at the polls?"

Actions like those of the heroic Greenham women and the CND can stop the cruise for a day. But the next day the military proceeds as usual. The hard truth is that only a government can decide to stop or continue the nuclear arms race. I cannot name a single Conservative MP who will publicly back CND. So it will require the election of a Labour administration, with nuclear disarmament unambiguously in its manifesto and with the determination and backing to carry it out.

The strength of CND lies partly in its breadth. Within its ranks members of the Labour, Liberal, SDP, Communist and nationalist parties work happily together — with even a few independently minded Conservatives. And I would say that the majority belong to no political party.

It is, I recognise, no small thing to ask non-Labour members to accept that a Labour victory is required for success. But I believe that those in CND are so strong for peace that they would be prepared to do so.

False patriotism plus media propaganda may be a powerful force, as Goering said, yet so is the instinct for human survival, now under threat. CND should keep on as it is doing. It is succeeding better than some may think.—Yours sincerely,
Frank Allaun.
Manchester 21.

Dear Sir, — Your correspondents, Messrs Cardino and Marjoram are wrong, and Alison Whyte is right. CND does protest about Soviet nuclear weapons. I have myself joined *thousands* of other CND members in more than one demonstration outside the Soviet and Warsaw Pact embassies.

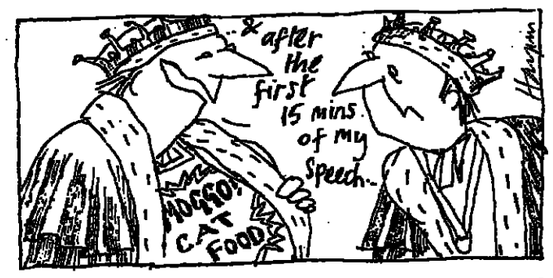
These demonstrations were virtually ignored by the media as most CND activities have been for the past 18 months. The only time they have made the headlines was when the annual conference declined to vote on the resolution calling for condemnation of Soviet missiles.

As anyone who goes to conference will know, it does not truly represent the membership of CND. The politicos are very much over-represented. They are easy to pick out, with their detailed knowledge of procedure. Always prominent are the assiduous "Labour CND" activists (who seem to be neither Labour nor CND). Last year they lined up with Heseltine and Weinberger to oppose the Freeze: this year they joined up with the Communists to defend *their* sacred cow from the threatened slight. They are a nutty irrelevance.

Meanwhile the real CND moves on. The media can ignore it, but they cannot stop it. More and more people are getting the message, that no nuclear weapons, East or West, are good, and that we've got to get rid of them, or perish.
— Yours sincerely,

Don Matheson.
Daresbury,
Warrington, Cheshire.

A vision of upward nobility



Sir, — The Government surely deserves credit for being the first since 1906 to tackle the problem of finding a significant role for the House of Lords.

Combining as it does the exotic background and lifestyles of Dallas with the instant nostalgia of Dad's Army, the Upper House Show can hardly fail as TV entertainment. At first, some of the dialogue may be too sophisticated for peak audiences — the Earl of Stockton's use of the adjective "Pecksniffian" seemed even to be over the heads of his peers — but a judicious use of inaction replays will solve that problem.

How splendid, too, for the morale of those of us who are retired, redundant or rejected, to see so many former culture heroes who have successfully survived retraining and redeployment, and are now able to augment their pensions, without depriving the young of real employment opportunities.

But let the noble Lords beware. For, without doubt, as soon as she appreciates what a bit she has on her hands, the PM will want to privatise this stupendous "soap." Why, after all, should the taxpayer finance an enterprise which, in private ownership, will have such potential for profitable worldwide syndication? The cost of the fixed set has largely been amortised, and although the cast is at present somewhat too large, time will soon remedy that.

Given the now customary level of discount, I shall certainly be among the 'stags.'

Charles Plouviez,
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Miscellany at large

Sir, — Shirley Williams has a cheek saying that the SDP wanted to avoid the Labour Party problem of conference resolutions being set aside once Labour was in power (January 23). After all, she was a prominent member of governments that did precisely that time after time, and one of the main reasons she and her colleagues ratted on the Labour Party was because constitutional changes had started to nibble at the practice. Shirl's not above rewriting history then? — Yours

Bill Moore.
Youlgrave,
Derbyshire.

Sir,—The proposed commercialisation of the courts by the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson is, as Geoffrey Bindman ("Out of Court"—January 21) says, to be deplored.

We would then return to the days when the courts, like the Ritz Hotel, were open to all who could pay. But equally, we should not ignore the plight of those who, ineligible for legal aid, cannot afford to litigate and to obtain redress which the court can provide for their problems. The financial and other limits for legal aid must be extended if justice for all is to be preserved.—Yours faithfully,

Stanley Best.
Chairman,
British Legal Association,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Labour in vain

Sir,—Paddy Devlin comments (January 22) on launching his third (at least) Ulster-based Labour Party, that the British Labour Party, (which does not organize or campaign in Northern Ireland); had failed to recognize that there was a desire in the province to have an internally run Labour Party which would not be imposed from outside and would not be dominatd by the issue of the union with Britain".

His comments are wholly misleading. The next Labour government will be saddled with the responsibility for ruling Northern Ireland, as Neil Kinnock admitted at the Molins factory, advising the workers threatened with redundancy to wait for a reflationary government. The people of the province are denied the right to vote or work for the return of such a government by the Party's ban on Northern Ireland membership.

That, not the right to participate in the major Party of the working class throughout the UK, is the imposition on the people of Northern Ireland. It is not merely a gross scandal against their democratic rights; but, more seriously still, it is only within a UK-wide party, which has to concentrate on the major social and economic issues which affect the whole UK (and Northern Ireland more than any other region) that the people of the province can find a political organization *not* dominated, as all provincial politics necessarily are, by the issue of the union with Britain.

That is the major contradiction of Paddy Devlin's complaint. When he overcomes it, and when the Labour Party starts to behave democratically towards the people of Northern Ireland, will he not be a formidable contender for the position of a genuinely representative Secretary of State for Northern Ireland? Yours faithfully,

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Chop logic in Chinatown

Sir,—Reading the Parliamentary Home Affairs Committee report on Chinese Community in Britain, it seems to me that the committee members are not living in the real world, or they are not aware of the political struggles inside and outside parliament.

The report recommended that local governments put more resources in assisting disadvantaged communities, such as the Chinese, towards providing adequate services for its own community. It was presented as if there were no authorities in Britain who had tried to redress the balance to provide better services for ethnic minorities.

Although I still feel that much can be done to further the provisions, one local authority is trying very hard to provide a better service to ethnic minorities and is beginning to see some progress, but was penalised for its effort, and that is the Greater London Council.

Five projects currently funded by Greater London Council's Chinese community projects are under threat of closure or reduction of services due to uncertainty in funding under the abolition of GLC programme. How can local authorities increase their support to Chinese and other minority groups whose needs are similarly unrecognised when the political climate from central government is hostile to such initiatives?

Most of the five Chinese organisations in London that are wholly or partly funded by the GLC are results of the GLC's outreach approach to encourage community self-help. With the Government's rate-cap proposals, I don't see any possibilities of local authorities implementing any of the recommendations effectively.

I suppose people will say the good intentions expressed in the report are better than no report or a negative report, but without the resources that central and local governments can put in the good intentions will never be translated into effect!

I believe this situation doesn't just apply to the Chinese community, but also to all other small ethnic communities that are now facing the chop from the abolition of GLC and the rate-cap policies of central government. We don't want fine words, but only the political will to implement these recommendations.—Yours sincerely,

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A COUNTRY DIARY

KESWICK: Winter does not seem to be a proper winter unless there is hard frost and snow. This, then, has been a proper one and one to enjoy (in the country) but then I do not have to contend with icy farm tracks, stock to feed, byres to muck out, and sheep on the fell to consider. Several early plants were flowering before the snow came in January ... small honeysuckle, witch hazel, winter heliotrope. Why do they give off so sweet a smell so early, surely they are not advertising for pollinators then? But the heads of helitrope (now bowed by frost) are male and female on separate stems; the honeysuckle looks unharmed, and may have coral berry-drops in summer. A January evening's warmth often turns my mind back to other times. January, 1957 must have been much like this for weather and when I went to a farm to pay for the Christmas goose — 35 shillings — the talk, as now, was often of fox hunting and dogs. Harriers were never allowed on their land and the ban still holds good. The hunt was, then, a bit wild, frustrated by poor scent as now. They will never, it is said, tackle a red deer, but could run one to death. That day they had run a hind to the edge of the Thirlmere woods, but two farmers had caught her and driven the hounds off. "T" poor laal bugger was done." Minutes after, however, she swam the lake to safety at Armboth. There are no red deer on Helvellyn side at Thirlmere nowadays.

ENID J. WILSON

Good intentions that don't always result in fair television



Hugo Young

TELEVISION has the capacity to change almost everything it touches. It certainly changes politics. It changes, and often dictates, what politicians choose to do. It is the medium above all others which they seek to exploit or appease. This is for a simple reason. Television is far ahead of any other influence on voters' perceptions of what they think should be done.

The House of Lords is one example. Discussion of the effects of televising it has dwelt entirely on their lordships. Did they sweat? Did they change? Were they play-acting? Important matters, after the centuries of privacy, but the significant change may be subtler: the change the pictures make in the questions the audience begins to ask about the Lords' right to exist in the first place.

Whatever the quality of the speakers, and their reassuring civility by comparison with the Commons, the mystique of the Lords surely cannot survive the klieg lights of every day. As long as they existed behind closed doors, nobody had to think much about their absurdity. They sometimes defeated the government, and they were said to be full of disinterested wisdom. But they lived in a cloud of blind unknowing. Heard but never seen, they escaped the merciless judgment appropriate to a law-making house of the parliament.

The presence of television changes all that. It cannot be long before the viewer asks who the hell *are* these old buffers parading their power and privileges across my television screen? How did they get there, and what gives them any right of access to News at Ten? The better they perform and the more power they exert, the more urgent are these subversive thoughts likely to become. Bring the Lords out of the closet and the case for reform of the second chamber may easily shift from being a futile academic fancy into a cause backed by public demand.

That is television's power to change. Yet its power is also used to fortify the status quo. Here it is just as effective, a lot more pervasive, and subject, as we learned the other day, to rather less scrutiny of its conduct than that which was given to the placement of the lights and selection of camera angles in the House of Lords. In short, it cannot cope with a three-party system. Its processes are all arranged for two parties, and it now appears that nobody can tell the broadcasters how to reflect the new reality.

This was established, as the lights went on in the Lords, in a court case brought by Dr David Owen and the SDP. They think they get a raw deal on television. They did a survey of the output of BBC news and ITN which showed that the government got 70 per cent of political airtime, Labour 25 per cent and the Alliance five per cent. They compared these figures with the parties percentages of the vote at the election: 43, 28, 25. This they said, showed that the BBC and IBA were producing unbalanced news.

The case was extremely radical and extremely important. It was radical because it invited broadcasters to break with the political system and reject the supremacy of parliamentary seats over national votes. It was brought not against the BBC and IBA direct, but against the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, which was set up three years ago to provide remedies for people aggrieved by particular programmes. And the Divisional Court judges threw it out.

They said the Commission had the right, according to its statute, to decline to hear any complaint for virtually any reason it chose. They added that the BCC was not the place for a full-dress hearing of the case for importing proportional-representation principles into a part of public life. Understandably so. The BCC is a tinpot little body quite unsuitable for such a grand design.

All the same, the outcome is unsatisfactory. It leaves things in a mess, and says there is no public forum in which to clear it up. For, dangerously radical though the case was, it went to the heart of politics: perhaps, in this day and age, the single most decisive electoral question of all. How, week in and week out, shall the broadcasters depict, in their language and their choice of speakers and their selection of news, the nature of politics in Britain today? As a country divided three roughly equal ways? Or as a parliament divided two ways, with a handful of also-rans on the fringe?

AT ONE LEVEL, I think the SDP are quite mistaken. They assume that what is put out is largely at the broadcasters' discretion, and they conclude that as a matter of policy this discretion is operated against them and in favour of the Labour party.

My observation, as an irregular hired hand on BBC radio, is different. The overwhelming priority — absolute in news, almost decisive in current affairs programmes like The World At One and, I guess, Newsnight — is not political affiliation but news value: an elusive concept, no doubt, but one as well understood by politicians as by journalists.

What BBC producers want above all is a good "item." Has Joe Soap done something amazing? Has Judith Bloggs got anything new to say? Will they say it well? This inescapably leads to the House of Commons. Having few people there, and no power, the Alliance has little news to offer. If news has something to do with change, the Alliance's main contribution comes from the shifting feuds of its own members.

The Alliance is also hopelessly short of people who will make good "items". There aren't enough of them with weight or freshness: Dr Owen is so much more promising an item than anyone else that others tend not to get invited. This is sometimes silly. Mr Roy Jenkins may be forgotten even during a sterling crisis. There is also a circularity about their predicament which is a bit pitiful: they don't get on TV because they aren't well-known, and they aren't well-known because they don't get on TV.

Thus the Alliance is not the victim of a special malignity perpetrated by television. Its treatment is in part the product of actual political power which no amount of proportional sophistry can transform into a legitimate grievance. Their own figures show it. The gap between the Tories and Labour is almost as striking as that between Labour and Alliance. The Tories get 45 per cent more airtime because the government is always news.

Yet, that said, it cannot be the end of the argument. Other layers of consciousness among the broadcasters need to be exposed. We are talking, after all, about a duopoly of broadcasting power shared between two statutory bodies who accept only the most limited duty of public accountability. Strip away the skins and some important characteristics emerge.

One is that, within a regime dominated by news values and also by producers who run their own shows, "quota-reasoning" is built as deeply into the culture as the two-party thinking which inspired it. House of Commons representation is, taking one month with another, the prime internal yardstick of whether the BBC is being "fair". The instinct for fairness is one of the great glories of the Corporation, and has proved itself time and again, not least in the miners' strike. But there's no doubt that the tally of MPs' appearances, which grossly under-represent Alliance popularity, is the main "proof" that balance is being preserved.

The broadcasters' second tendency is towards a pathological aversion to criticism. The BBC and some ITV companies have often stood up magnificently to political onslaughts. Last winter's great Gummer tirade against Panorama's account of Tory racists has been completely seen off. Also, the broadcasters naturally take comfort from the regularity with which they are attacked from every side and not just one.

Nonetheless, they will go a long way to forestall criticism if they can. Proof of balance between Labour and Tories has been a fire-proof way of fending off the parties' wrath. Sticking to party quotas is certainly the easiest practice to follow, causing the least upheaval and fewest recriminations — until the Alliance produces its own pressure in the form of its court action.

In an age of political upheaval, however, is this quite enough? One problem is the reluctance of the broadcasters to expose their policies to view. What I've described comes from my own observation. In a grand and rather reckless manner, the late Lord Howard, then chairman of the BBC, wrote to the Alliance leaders when they made their first complaint, telling them to get lost, denying the existence of any legal obligation to be balanced, and asserting only that parliamentary representation must be "uppermost in our minds." At the last election, the BBC won a court action in Belfast against Sinn Fein, in the course of which the judge said it had no obligation to be fair. When pressed, the BBC now shelters rather jubilantly behind this.

Even though the Complaints Commission is useless, there's a strong case for our duopolistic broadcasters not to be judges in their own cause, in a courtroom without doors or windows. Present practices are not self-evidently the only way of fulfilling the obligations the public would like the BBC and IBA to meet. Nor is it utterly beyond argument that the political temper of the nation should count for less than the political complexion of the House of Commons.

Rather like employers who intend to be fair to women and think they are being fair, broadcasters may believe their own fairness is beyond reproach. Yet in both cases, when the evidence shows a gross inequality of outcome, it is time to look at the policy behind the intentions.

The point is not to limit editorial freedom, least of all by court order. It is to get the policies described, admitted and exposed to open debate, enabling the broadcasters to consider rather less defensively than they now do whether, on grounds of good journalism and political impartiality alike, they shouldn't rewrite the guidelines. It will be a great pity if the SDP has to sue the BBC to get this done.

The violence in the viewer's mind

Peter Fiddick on why the closer to home TV thuggery comes the more we feel the pain.

CONTROVERSIES over the impact of screen violence, and especially of small-screen violence, will not quickly go away. Whatever the code of practice, and however vigilantly it is implemented, some incidents are bound to slip through to offend or alarm someone, certainly so long as Tom and Jerry are still hammering away at each other. In the USA, consumer-based groups monitoring and listing every single incident on their burgeoning television channels seem more active than ever. In more than one university research department at this very moment, we may be sure, psychologists and social scientists are at work on the latest in the long line of experiments designed to reveal how screen violence affects behaviour.

But what do you call "violence"? Definitions have tended to become wider in recent years, as the disturbing potential of "verbal violence" — especially on the young, and if parent-figures are involved — have been added to the danger list at one end, and "mechanised violence" — throwing cars into each other or off convenient Californian cliffs — at the other.

The vagueness of any general definition is compounded by our frequently not knowing quite what, in this spectrum, any particular researcher or complainant is talking about.

It is to this area that the newest study of television and violence addresses itself, turning the traditional perspective around, and asking not how much violence there might be, or what behaviour some of it might provoke, but what the audience actually perceives as violence.

Dr Barrie Gunter, working with a research fellowship from the Independent Broadcasting Authority (of which he is now senior research officer), carried out lengthy tests with two heterogeneous panels, totalling 74 people. He showed them a wide variety of clips from TV drama that might be construed as violent — ranging from British and US cop-shows to Westerns, sci-fi, and indeed cartoons like Tom and Jerry.

He asked how violent or disturbing they felt each clip to be, by a variety of criteria, but he also screened the panel members to assess their own psychological make-up, against which to assess their reactions.

The results do seem to point strongly to the conclusion that people do make clear distinctions between different sorts of portrayal, and that the context is important. Similarly, people do respond differently, with those who see themselves as psychologically more "feminine", for example, seeing some situations as more violent than "tougher-minded" panellists.

And it emerges that cartoons, and science fiction programmes are perceived as low on the violence scale, even though the actions portrayed may be physically similar. Westerns, too, are distanced, and the sense of violence is increased the closer the action comes to home and the context to our own society: violence in British cop-shows, and particularly by British police, is more worrying than their American equivalents.

In this complex scale, violence by men on women is less acceptable than vice versa, and indoor scenes more disturbing than those outdoors. In one pair of tests, offering a range of blunt and sharp instruments, shootings, and explosions, it seemed that all were perceived as moderately to very violent, but not necessarily frightening or disturbing — except the case of stabbings in British crime-drama settings.

Barrie Gunter himself describes the project as a feasibility study, probing a new experimental approach. Apart from the need to test and check the various ways in which he has tried to probe the relationships between the psychological make-up of an individual and the reaction to different views of violence, there is the problem that dogs all researchers — even though some would prefer not to talk about it.

That is the relationship between virtual laboratory conditions and the real world: particularly, in this sort of test, between showing people edited extracts ("the juicy bits") and the whole programmes as most people would see them.

It is altogether possible, for instance, that a killing at the very beginning of an hour-long drama might have a very different impact from the one that comes as the climactic shoot-out with the big build-up. If it can be argued against television that it is an endless stream of undifferentiated unreality, it cannot also be claimed that this context can be ignored when trying to count the cost.

Dr Gunter recognises the limitation of the laboratory clip-show, however tactfully managed, and would like to have the work continued with full-length programmes as the test pieces. Nevertheless, the outcome of his work, Dimensions Of Television Violence (Gower, £16.50), runs to a 282-page book which is both lucid and readable, and with his own results preceded by a valuable, wide-ranging, critical survey of previous work.

The approach might well have other applications. Gunter and his colleagues see religious programming as an area in which it might help to ask just what people perceive as "religious," given that cricket seems to figure in some pantheons. I offer broadcast politics as a trickier but more relevant field: how few arguments about balance and bias even attempt to take account of what audiences themselves see as political statements, let alone the programmes in which they are found.

How far the present work helps the current regulators is a touch unclear. John Whitney of the IBA welcomes it, and finds it in line with his code of practice. Yet it occurs to me that, if violence by New York cops is seen as less problematic, but British settings more so, the 15 million viewers of LWT's new Dempsey And Makepeace series must really be getting their perceptions in a twist.

Adam Sweeting sees the rock video fall from grace.

Video pop goes flat

FINALLY, 1984 saw the fruition of the so-called "video revolution" in pop. This had been predicted since the late seventies, when Blondie tentatively issued the first full-length video cassette of a pop group and Queen's garish "Bohemian Rhapsody" video took mock-operetta to the top of the charts.

In 1984 the pieces dropped into place at last. Frankie Goes To Hollywood got rich quick with provocative videos for Relax and Two Tribes, then horrified everybody still further with the non-outrageous Power Of Love. Video cassettes of pop acts from Bowie to Bauhaus were released at ever-shortening intervals, culminating in a 30-minute programme about the Band Aid phenomenon. The final seal of approval was delivered on Christmas Day, when ITV's Top Pop Videos Of '84 preceded both Her Majesty's broadcast and Torvill and Dean.

Pop success and lavish promo videos have become synonymous, not least because America's pop TV channel MTV has demonstrated that video is transforming the entire music industry. There is now a European cable TV music channel called Music Box designed to duplicate MTV, and it's terrible.

British TV programmers have noted MTV's runaway success, and have been goaded by the example of Channel 4, which has launched several useful pop shows. They have learned two things. One, pop programmes will win an audience unless you broadcast them in the middle of the night midweek. Two, the expanding glut of music videos provides a source of cheap, easy programming.

Clips can now be seen on Top Of The Pops, The Tube, Whistle Test, breakfast TV, and sundry children's programmes. Hence Top Pop Videos Of '84.

There's plenty of pop video about, but is it any good? A trip to HMV or Virgin Records will uncover well-shot and smartly recorded live concert material from Culture Club or David Bowie, Style Council or The Police, Hall & Oates or even Marvin Gaye. Compilations from the Rolling Stones, Marc Bolan, Otis Redding and The Undertones jostle collections or recent chart-busting promos or highlights from the classic sixties TV show Ready, Steady, Go!

There are documentaries about Girl Groups and The Beatles, and rock feature films such as Rainbow Bridge (with Jim Hendrix) or Led Zeppelin's The Song Remains The Same (how true). So far, so good.

What is worrying is not that there are trashy pop records and trashy videos to go with them, but that these are being offered to the new pop generation as evidence of creativity. Queen lifted chunks of Metropolis for their I Want To Break Free video, while Paul McCartney's animated sequence for "We All Stand Together" finds Walt Disney's ghost and Mr Rupert Bear roped together by the miraculous talking dollar.

It's hardly surprising that wealthy pop potentates should buy inspiration from past masters, but in the end the wholesale pillaging of imagery from other media for the purpose of selling pop records is a one-way traffic to nowhere. It doesn't help film-makers if they are only there to be preyed upon, it earns dime-a-dozen video makers a bogus reputation, and the musician is under no pressure to make better music because he's selling pictures, not sound.

The combination of music and video is still a tantalising prospect. Independent video companies like Manchester's Ikon F.C.L. or Films At Work have begun to exploit the stimulant value of the music-video link by working with abrasive groups such as The Fall and The Redskins.

Unfortunately it suits both television and the music industry to keep music video safely mainstream, where the big acts can dazzle viewers with big budgets and technical wizardry while helping their records up the charts for a few more weeks. As usual, money talks louder than insight or innovation.



The man and his works (cartoon by Alick P. F. Ritchie)

THE OBSERVER, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1938

A WORLD AT STAKE

BY J. L. GARVIN

Many who have motored in high mountains have known a close kind of emergency. A fall of rock in the night has narrowed the corner of a hanging road through a steep pass. One wheel is out over the precipice; another is on the edge. It is impossible to go back, and hard to go forward; but a measuring eye judges that it can just be done. With nerve and sureness the bad bit is negotiated without one hairsbreadth to spare. It is a quietening experience while it lasts. So now, we hope, in this crisis for mankind. There is sheer danger; there is acute difficulty, but the saving work can be done.

Lord Runciman, summoned back Prague, has been called into counsel a very different aspect of the world-c —the actions and reactions in Cz Slovakia itself.

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PLEBISCITE, PRO AND CON—NO ON THAT ISSUE

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Alan Bullock on the life of the great Observer editor, J. L. Garvin

Freedom fighter of a golden age

GARVIN'S name is synonymous with that of The Observer which he edited from 1908 to 1942, a paper of which at a later date I was a trustee and subsequently a director. It is hardly surprising that David Ayerst's book, which I strongly recommend to anyone interested in the press, should bring back to mind the two conclusions with which I ended my own association with The Observer.

The first is the importance of a free press if we are to remain even a flawed democracy (it is the nature of democracy to be flawed) — and this in spite of the shortcomings of the British press and the cynicism with which many people view its performance.

The second is the anomaly, in view of the first, of leaving the independence, and even the continued existence, of a paper, conditional upon the decisions of an individual proprietor who feels free to buy or sell it like any other piece of property and who, while he owns it, is in a position to put pressure on an editor to bring the paper's policy into conformity with his own views.

Ayerst's description of the years in which Garvin edited the paper as a Golden Age is no exaggeration. The middle classes who read The Observer still ruled the country; there was no television and, until the 1930s, no radio, to provide news to rival the influence of newspapers; the unions were not yet strong enough to exploit a closed shop.

Starting from a circulation of under 20,000 when he took it over in 1908, Garvin turned The Observer into the first "quality Sunday" and reached a figure of 200,000 in 1914. The paper was his creation and his weekly leading article, filling several columns, gave him a political influence which no other editor, even C. P. Scott, could rival.

In the same year, however, when Garvin was at the height of his success, he learned that Lord Astor was about to sell The Observer without consulting him about the buyer. Although in the end Astor's son Waldorf became the proprietor, as Ayerst put it, "Waldorf believed that he owned The Observer's views as well as its resources and wanted to write this into the contract."

Garvin defended his editorial independence fiercely, and for most of the time with success; but the issue remained unresolved and Garvin was never free of anxiety about his vulnerability. The point is not whether Waldorf Astor or Garvin was right, but that the relationship between proprietor and editor was of its nature unsatisfactory.

When David Astor became the editor after the second world war ownership of The Observer was handed over to a body of trustees, a better arrangement under which the paper enjoyed a second brilliant period, but which, alas, could not command the financial resources to meet the increased competition from its rivals.

The Observer was fortunate to be rescued by Robert Anderson and Atlantic Richfield, but it has meant a return to the old system of proprietorship. In a much more unfavourable environment, dominated by the need to raise revenue from advertisements and by the resistance of the unions to the technological changes which could turn losses into profits, The Observer's editor and staff enjoy less security than Garvin, with no one sure whether the paper's proprietors will sell it (and if so, to whom?) or close it down. I doubt if the position at The Times or Sunday Times is very different.

David Ayerst's book makes it easier to understand the nature of the influence Garvin exercised, for which there is no real equivalent today. For the period 1908-14 he adds little to the authoritative account which A. M. Gollin published in 1960 (The Observer and J. L. Garvin), but he shows that it is a mistake to concentrate on the pre-war years by bringing in the 1920s, when the chairman of the U.S. Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee described Garvin as "perhaps the most celebrated editorial writer in the world"; the 1930s when his insistence on the danger from Hitler and the need to re-arm led to increasing strain in his relations with Waldorf and Nancy Astor; and even the 1940s when his support for Churchill led to a final breach, and Garvin in his seventies began to write for the Sunday Express and the Telegraph.

Garvin's influence depended upon two things. The first was that he enjoyed, and was known to enjoy, the confidence of leading politicians, including at various times Joe Chamberlain, Balfour, Bonar Law, Lloyd George, Ramsay Macdonald and Churchill. Despite that — and this is the second thing — he followed a line of his own in his articles which cut across party lines, leaving him isolated on some issues, but on others winning attention for an independent point of view.

This came naturally to a man whose hero was Chamberlain, the man who divided both the major parties in turn and whose combination of a vision of the British Empire with radical views on social reform (to be paid for by tariffs, with an imperial preference) fitted into neither a Liberal nor a Tory framework.

To this inheritance Garvin added a gift of prescience, for example at the end of the first world war when he put forward "an agenda for peace which most liberal-minded English people, irrespective of party, came to accept in the twenties", including bringing both Germany and Russia into the League (hence his enthusiasm for LG's U-turn at the Genoa conference in 1922) with "an explicit warning of what must, and did, follow a failure to carry it out."

Garvin's foresight was a product of his intellectual curiosity which David Ayerst illustrates by a letter to his son in the trenches in 1915: "Will science ever give distant vision as it now gives distant sound? I think that must come, and wish we were so far."

But the great surprise of the book is the discovery of the man behind the legend. He was born in 1868, the son of a poor Irish woman in Birkenhead, widowed when his father, a ship's stoker, was drowned at sea, a couple of years after Garvin's birth. He left school at 13, taking his first job as a messenger boy and acquiring an education and making his way entirely by his own efforts.

He broke into journalism as a proof-reader on the Newcastle Daily Chronicle but not until 1895 did he get an article, on Irish politics, published in one of the London reviews, the Fortnightly; and not until four years later, when he was over 31, did he secure a job on a London paper, the Daily Telegraph. It was Northcliffe who gave him his real start, setting him up as editor of an Observer which he had bought for £5,000.

After that, Garvin never looked back: ambition, ability, tremendous hard work carried the Irish stoker's son to the top but exacted a toll in his private life and in a marriage strained by tempestuous passages. He suffered a bitter blow from the death of his only son Ged on the Somme, followed three years later by that of his first wife.

All this David Ayerst handles with skill, allowing one to see the passionate nature and the human qualities as well as failings of a man of whom Churchill could write, as a friend of 50 years, that in him "courage, generosity and faithfulness shone in private and public life as they shine in few."

Garvin of The Observer by David Ayerst (Croom Helm £25).

Media File.....

ROBERT MAXWELL did once say that he would pull out of bingo next month, and though Fleet Street will be astonished if he actually does, the latest ABC circulation figures for the national press could be taken to make a case for the move. Though at first glance the chart does show some spectacular leaps in the six-monthly average for July-September 1984, set against the same period of 1983, there are distinct signs that the giveaway games are running out of steam.

Take the three titles with double-figure gains. The Daily Star's is certainly spectacular, and must owe something to its promotional activities, although there have also been editorial efforts — and the average is considerably hiked by the brief leap towards 1¾ millions in October when the rival Sun lost five days' publication. The News Of The World's 16.3 per cent rise reflects the success of the tabloid revamp in May.

And the same goes for the Times. The launch of Dingo — sorry, Portfolio — in the last week of June boosted sales in much the way the chart indicates. But the audited monthly figures since then show a rather different trend. July's 461,338 crept up less than 3,000 to a September peak of 464,054, and although badly disrupted production pushed October down there is no such explanation for the drop to below 450,000 in both November and December.

The other games players are at best static. The Sun was actually edged back below the four million mark in December, and the Daily Express to a low barely above 1.9 millions. As for the Daily Mirror itself, it had hit 3½ millions just before Robert Maxwell bought it, and he dared and won to the peak of 3,683,746 in October by cutting the price and holding it for a month after his main rivals had raised theirs. Two months later he had found that for the Mirror, like the rest, prizes can't beat price-sensitivity, and the sales back at 17p had been slashed virtually 400,000.

The Daily Mail, by contrast, which decided to go low-key on games in the autumn and plug claims to have more news, ended the period almost exactly where it had started, despite the jump to 20p in November. And The Guardian's graph continued upwards, to a new peak of 490,077 in November, falling back 20,000 as production problems took their toll.

In the Sunday field, the growth of the Mail on Sunday continued, and the slide of the Sunday Telegraph took it below 700,000 in December, but the main story seems to be a fight against a round of hefty price hikes.



Elizabeth Shepherd as Cleopatra — which channel?

THE BBC MIGHT seem to have an image problem in licence fee time, but ITV has one all the time — and in the eyes of its viewers.

Remember The Jewel In The Crown, high-class hit of 1984 and doubtless about to triumph again in the impending award season? The galling news for ITV, not least Granada, is that 21 per cent of the audience thought it was made by the BBC. While some of the Beeb's biggest bumaroos were identified by sizeable chunks of the populace as having been perpetrated by the commercial lot, among them those historical travesties The Cleopatras (a 13 per cent ITV vote) and The Borgias (12 per cent).

Nor were these the biggest misattributions. The BBC gets credit from 39 per cent for Brideshead Revisited, 37 per cent for University Challenge, followed by The Far Pavilions (24) and Kennedy (22). While ITV gets the blame for The Thorn Birds (42) and The Dukes Of Hazzard (28).

It has to be said that not all the voters had seen the programmes. The telephone survey of 1,500 people, conducted for the IBA by Audience Selection, just asked which side they thought 18 listed programmes had been on.

It is reported, in the first brightly revamped issue of the authority's quarterly, now re-titled Airwaves, by the head of research, Dr Robert Towler, who acknowledges the evident confusion of identities and takes it on the chin: "There is little anyone can do about the stereotypes of our television channels, and perhaps we would not want to do anything anyway."

Creative ad agencies and PR outfits, on the other hand, might send us their ideas.

THE MIXED FORTUNES of commercial radio ebb and flow unabated with the new year. From Red Rose Radio, the Preston-based ILR station for the Lancashire hinterland, comes a bullish chairman's report to match second-year profits of £190,773 and rich in praise for MD David Maker and his staff.

Simultaneously comes news of a Red Rose expansion — as part of a rescue package for another ILR station, Leed's Radio Aire. Red Rose gets a controlling shareholding in a plan to re-capitalise Aire, whose efforts were clobbered by the November advertising slump.

Meanwhile, the long-awaited merger between the two South Wales stations is imminent, spelling the end of the brave community-based effort at Cardiff, as CBC goes in with (or even, into) Gwent Broadcasting of Newport, with pretty well common schedules expected and staff cuts inevitable.

Peter Fiddick
Media Editor

	July-Dec. 1984	July-Dec. 1983	% Change (–)
Sun	4,083,573	4,127,578	(1.1)
Daily Mirror	3,483,782	3,354,762	4.1
Daily Star	1,633,263	1,407,485	16.1
Daily Express	2,001,928	2,054,447	(2.6)
Daily Mail	1,864,471	1,850,135	0.8
Daily Telegraph	1,235,459	1,245,026	(0.8)
Guardian	471,718	445,150	6.0
Times	456,557	369,419	23.6
Financial Times	218,461	211,034	3.5
News of the World	4,698,341	4,037,873	16.3
Sunday Mirror	3,489,471	3,572,399	(1.5)
Sunday People	3,252,624	3,450,553	(5.7)
Sunday Express	2,542,084	2,685,717	(5.3)
Mail on Sunday	1,606,829	1,509,085	6.5
Sunday Times	1,260,357	1,282,292	(1.7)
Observer	744,232	754,367	(1.3)
Sunday Telegraph	712,686	733,899	(2.9)

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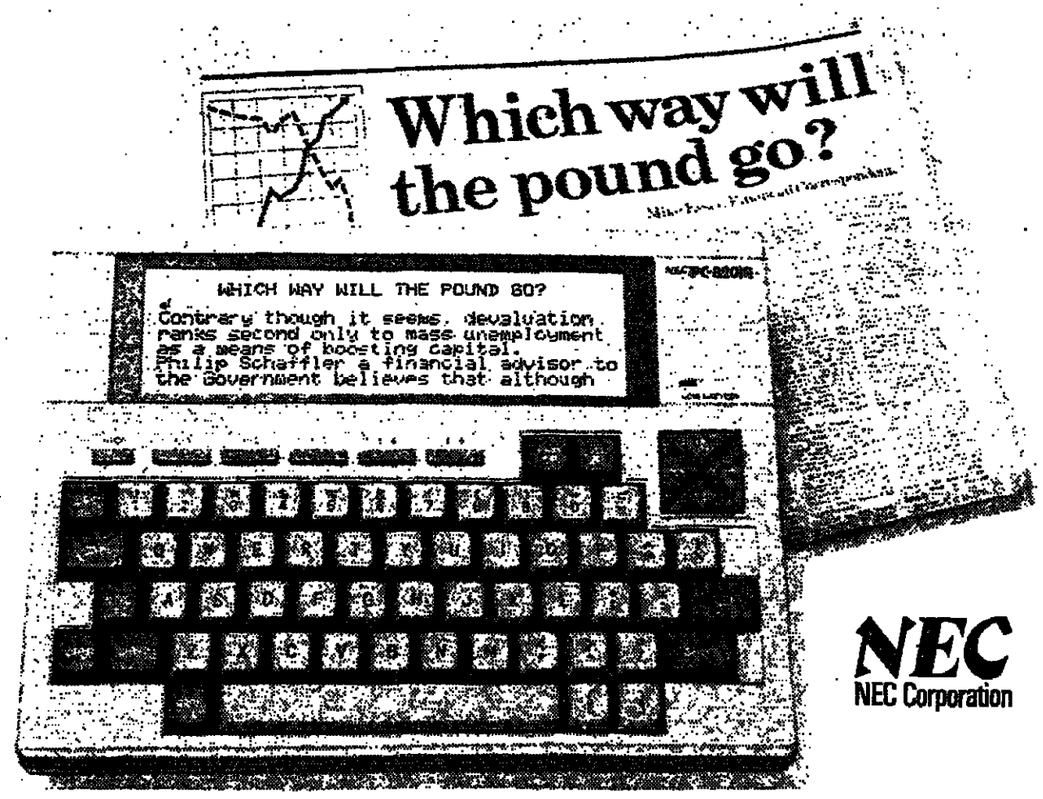
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PRESS & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Last summer JAMES CAMERON, who died yesterday, sent the article printed on the right to the Features Editor with a typical note: 'Could I ask if you might — some time — consider this article, one-off, as by someone who had experienced most things, but not this? . . I would have liked . . . that it be anonymous, as it is a bit pretentious and un-me . . . But of course I take your judgment on this, as indeed on the value of using it at all . . .' He called it A Pain in the Neck. We judge that its time has come, and that it deserves a byline. Below, MARTIN WOOLLACOTT, Foreign Editor, pays tribute to his friend and colleague

Point of departure

FOR James Cameron in the end it was not the "anticlimax" of death "in an anonymous hotel room, with the light just filtering in" that he had mused about in his days as a foreign correspondent, but a quiet passage to the other kingdom in his own bed at home, with wife and family near, and with his grandfather's bibles and his father's novels ranked on the shelves around him.

That was right, among many other reasons, because James Cameron's unique combination of moral seriousness, humour, and literary talent, had deep roots. His grandfather was a preacher, and James was, in some sense a preacher, too, drawing his text from events rather than the Bible, and, over 40 or so years as a writing journalist delivering the lengthiest, most coherent, most sane, and most sonorous series of sermons that modern British journalism affords.

From his father, James took the model of grace under pressure that served him so well when pain and misfortune came his way. In his autobiography, written in 1967 toward the end of his time as a correspondent, he recalled with admiration his ailing father's capacity to "dredge from his situation a kind of exhausted humour."

James showed exactly the same capacity himself as new disasters were visited on his already battered body in his last two difficult years. That "anonymous" death, of course, very nearly came to him 14 years ago in an upstairs room of the Grand Hotel in Calcutta. After his road crash on the Bangladesh border he was saved by the combined efforts of his doctors and his wife, Moni, but life became more and more of a physical struggle as new complications and new ailments arrived.

These where borne with superb resilience and a determination that, come what may, he would continue to practice his trade as a journalist, even if it had to be from an armchair, and sometimes from a hospital bed.

I met James, during these years, and would say unabashedly that visiting him and Moni was one of the great pleasures of life. James had extraordinarily good manners, coupled with an intense interest in other people. He had a command of the spoken language as considerable as that of a gifted actor, but without the bombast. The glasses would be filled deeply with Bell's whisky, with perhaps just a hint of water, and James would fumble from his coat a packet of cigarillos.

He would be copiously well informed on the events of the day since, almost to the very end, he read the newspapers — all of them — with an attention and grasp that few younger journalists could match. Spearing an inanity there, effortlessly defining the meaning of a development here, he would move the talk on its path, with Moni providing a descant of argument and humour.

Occasionally he would pause to select from his repertoire of anecdotes, like a jeweller picking out just the right ring from the felt-lined drawer, exactly the story that would both amuse and illustrate the point.

Unlike many men who can talk well, James also liked to hear what other people had to say and could project an almost tangible aura of interest, approval and affirmation as he listened, and this was the case even when he disagreed. Only one subject went beyond the limits of his good manners and his tolerance: any arguments justifying the nuclear bomb, elaborating deterrence, or suggesting any virtue in the possession of these weapons, sent him into a rage of terrible proportions. I have seen him turn on his heel at a dinner and stalk out of the house because such arguments had been advanced.

On this at least he felt the world should have listened to him and, at such moments, one caught the direct heat of the hard moral fire at the core of James's personality, so often partly concealed, in his writing and in his talk, by humour and self-deprecation. What he did after all, as a journalist, was to swiftly find his way in any situation to the ethical high ground. For him there was no other location from which to survey life, or to function as a journalist, or as anything else. Defining the moral meaning of an event, whether it was the Bikini bomb tests, the Chinese revolution, or the Falklands war, was for him the central task.

On the way and as part of the trade, he might file a conventionally defined "good story" or even a "scoop" and his despatches would be full, in any case, of the illuminating and vivid observation of which he was a master. But these things were secondary to the main task of the serious journalist, which he once described as being "the people's eyes and ears . . . the instrument associating people's government with people's opinion."

The quotation, again from his autobiography, gives an unwontedly grave impression. James could be magnificently funny and he was full of quirks, like his love of reptiles of all varieties. For several years, he maintained, he had a pet snake which he carried in his overcoat pocket and used to place on the bar while drinking. (It finally disappeared into a New York hotel's central heating system).

On one occasion he found a frog in a flower bed at a garden party and sat there petting it for the rest of the afternoon, to the amazement of the other guests. This side of him you would sometimes catch in his face: besides the lines of wisdom and tolerance, and good living, there was something else, occasionally, the impish look of a boy chuckling over some innovative practical joke. It was a sense of fun that James, by virtue of the job he came to do, needed more than most men.

A few days before he died, James told me that on VE Day, 40 years ago, he had "an absolute certainty . . . that things would get better." But it was a bleak and dreadful planetary landscape that he crossed and recrossed in the years that followed. The bomb: five major wars and countless lesser conflicts: human dislocation and suffering on a vast scale.

In words as applicable today as they were when he wrote them nearly 30 years ago, he described that landscape: "The desolate columns of refugees moved across the plains, into the valleys: shrill calls for charity and blankets rang through Kensington and Lake Success while the victims continued, inconspicuously and with muted protests, to die."

It is not surprising that James, after four decades of this, came to the conclusion that the most likely way that this catalogue of human error and sin would end, was with the biggest and maddest and most evil mistake of all — a nuclear war. He believed that this was probable: sometimes he believed it was inevitable. He had, thus, a poor opinion of mankind, or at least of men and women in political power; but he had a great love of it, too, and some hope . . . still.



James Cameron. Picture by E. Hamilton-West

A pain in the neck

THERE are two wholly exact and irreversible punctuation marks in everyone's life that can be exactly defined: the day you are born and the day you die. No one has any control whatever of the first, and only a troubled minority claim the right to decide on the second.

For some people, indeed many, there comes a third chapter-heading, always uninvited. Using the punctuation-mark analogy again, it could be described as the semi-colon situation, suggesting something tentative between the opening phrase and the full stop. Most writers use the device when they cannot make up their minds whether they have finished with one thought, or whether it needs a sort of PS, a compromise.

Climbing to this whimsy, I would suggest that this semi-colon arrives when the customer is told on absolute authority that he, or she, is ill of a condition once considered grave, but that in this enlightened world is unlikely to send him to kingdom come today or tomorrow, or next week, or even with luck this year, and which can be postponed by accepting some tiresome and painful disciplines. In a word — which is unfortunately not mine — it is the moment of truth.

At least for himself; he will of course continue to lie to everyone else.

We may stop being coy about it. A man learns quite suddenly, though after a fairly long suspicion, that he has an established malignancy in this or that part of him. The doctors have hedged and fiddled about with the definition, since the thing can be described in arcane technical terms that they, usually correctly, assume are unintelligible to the layman. Eventually, however, they are obliged to come clean, or cleanish, and tell the poor sod that this or that part of him has got cancer and has got to be fixed, or else.

If the patient is lucky this has happened somewhere that can be chopped off and forgotten. But the chances are, since cancer is cruelly crafty, it usually takes over some awkward and inaccessible organ that the unlucky customer cannot readily do without.

Both cases are fairly determinable: you chop it off or you leave it to the painkillers.

Sometimes, fortunately, there is a third option: the thing can grab you somewhere that is fairly accessible but nevertheless essential, requiring much complicated and expensive machinery and demanding a fair chunk out of the customer's daily life, and a lot of hitherto inexperienced pain.

Some people flatly refuse to accept it. This bloke didn't: He realised what was up from the start; indeed he provided the hospital with much of his own diagnosis. Privately, of course, he continued to kid himself, and others, insisting on calling his little trouble by the name of its Zodiacal mate: I got a touch of Capricorn.

This provided the additional satisfaction of leaving the questioners uneasy or bothered: should we have known of this Capricorn business? Sure you should; if you had worked in the South Pacific you would have seen it all the time. Just call it, as this chap does, a Tropical disease.

Remember Hilaire Belloc. "Thou shalt not kill, but needst not strive, officiously to keep alive." However, the customer cannot so strive, officiously or otherwise. The others must strive; he must submit.

Once the chips, as they say, are down there is something quite soothing about this submission. From now on the buck is passed to the experts. If it doesn't work it is not his fault. Or — dare we say — not entirely. The medics talk a lot about the "will to live." This particulare customer didn't have too much of that. In his trade he had seen a fair amount of death, mostly violent. The process itself was clearly unpleasant, but the end-product seemed restful enough. Indeed, as the psychological depression (which he had been warned was to be a clinical part of this illness, deepened) the end-product came to seem quite desirable. The electric rays and lasers and things did not do anything about that.

When alone at night this chap would frequently grizzle and weep to himself, but only because it hurt. It did not the least good, but it got something off his chest. Not, unfortunately, off his throat.

Family and friends had to be considered. As this customer quickly realised, few of us are beloved enough to be missed for more than a couple of days or so. Meanwhile their reaction is either embarrassment or resentment. Initially everyone feels that the selfish bastard has cooked up the situation to attract consideration or create a drama.

Some are even frank enough to ask one to hurry it up a bit.

Useless for him to say that this wasn't his idea, that the scenario came from total strangers whose concern was wholly clinical, and sometimes not especially even that. It will be blamed on him, as everything is blamed on him.

This patient's regard for the National Health Service had always been totally steadfast; it had saved his life before. He began to invent fantasies — which was higher on Mrs Thatcher's hitlist: him or the NHS? He mused on this for hours in the radio-therapy machine: it passed the time well.

Regarding this situation objectively, forgetting personal pain and fear, this unimportant personal crisis had come at a strange time. This customer (and it is becoming affected and pedantic to disguise his identity now) has lived for almost two-score years with the dread of my wife and children being caught up in the holocaust that was made possible by my generation, in my generation, and probably for my generation, and for which I have always felt an absurd and wholly illogical responsibility, if only for the silly reason that I personally witnessed the explosion of atom-bombs, and did nothing about it, and could do nothing except protest, tiresomely and uselessly, and finally boringly.

Paradoxically, and I suppose romantically, I hoped that I would be there again, with them, to share the real thing, hands in hands. I still refuse to surrender that, which means the obligation of getting well. I can truthfully think of no other reason.

Before the hospital business even began the doctors, who had done this often before, said that an inescapable concomitant of this treatment was depression, a lowering of the spirits inexperienced before. I said: You should have known me years ago. They said: You don't know nothing yet, and they were right.

Anyhow, we shall see.

Before you slip, inconspicuously and guiltily, out of the room, let me tell you about my operation. . . .

IF YOU can't get a job, get to work. Start a business, join a cooperative, help improve your village, your suburb or your home. If you can't help yourself, help others: exploit your hobbies and your talents. The grassroots economy exists, is expanding and, according to the new economists and philosophers, destined to become the norm.

The emerging, decentralised, convivial, small-is-beautiful society is not for dropouts. It is serious, philosophically based, officially approved and avant-garde. You can get grants and free advice from a growing array of national, local, public and private sources.

Networks, information banks, community action programmes, business communities and regional gurus will put you in touch.

Guy Dauncey is one of the gurus — the most active barefoot economist in Britain. He lives at Totnes in Devon but can be found anywhere, networking, explaining the new society and its philosophical roots and spiritual overtones, putting people in touch. His bulging, battered address-book is a primary source book for the grassroots economy. Listening to Dauncey, you would think nobody need be unemployed at all, once he's got over the old-fashioned confusion between work and a job.

"In 10 years a whole generation of new business run by people under 30 will have grown up," Dauncey said. "They need help and they are getting it — moving from dependence to post-industrial self-reliance. They get an integrated package of support on their doorstep, including training, research and development and financial back-up."

Dauncey and many other prophets and militants of the new economics are convinced that mass unemployment, and the solutions being attempted, are forcing Britain and the rest of the industrial world towards the new age, even though the actors in the drama may not know it, and may not even approve if they did.

The least likely-looking ally for a revolt against conventional economics is Mrs Thatcher. Yet her faith in enterprise has pushed her into support for small, local ventures. The enterprise allowance scheme and grants to organisations like the Scottish Development Agency are putting courage back into industrial wastelands, sowing seeds for the new economics.

Big business is moving the same way. Corporations are slimming down, hiving off whole departments whose staff regroup to form independent suppliers of goods or services. Leaders of industry like Sir Peter Parker proclaim what politicians fear to utter: that full employment may never come back, and industry and society need other solutions, in everybody's interest.

This has led to many schemes paid for by big firms to keep people busy, if not always formally employed, in their own localities. Business in the Community, finding and running agencies in every large city, has created 30,000 real jobs.

Churches, sensing a new need and a new role, have set up their own nation-wide initiative network, with "start-up" grants for new enterprises. The EEC has joined the movement, with mini-grants for mini-enterprises in places previously unknown to Brussels.

The British Unemployed Resource Network (Burn) has produced a directory listing 1,400 centres, groups and projects. A firm called Planning Exchange in Glasgow keeps tabs on thousands of local initiatives, for the benefit of other firms and local authorities.

A satisfied customer of the grassroots economy, though his problems are far from over, is Mr James Riley. He lives at Easterhouse, Glasgow's dreariest suburb. It has a population the size of Perth, 70 per cent of it on the dole, and hardly any shops, no cinema, no restaurants. When the brewery closed down the pub he was running, Riley went on the dole too.

"There was nothing left at Easterhouse: people didn't even know their neighbours. I was going to leave." But he found the Easterhouse Festival Society, a group dedicated to putting new culture and employment into the wasteland.

The society began with an arts festival and retained its festive name because of its conviction that local talent and fun were more immediately needed than jobs. They helped people turn their hobbies, like puppet-making, into careers. They put on plays, art shows and pantomimes.

"The festival," as it is called, turned a barren plot into a playground and row of shops — then organised local artists and other residents to surround it with a gigantic mural mosaic, depicting ecological peace. The mosaic, 240 feet long and six feet high, is the largest in Britain and one of Scotland's most distinguished works of urban art.

The festival is founded an industrial holding company that lets out workspace and provides management help for small ventures. For Riley, the society put up the £1,000 capital guarantee he needed to qualify for the enterprise allowance scheme, which pays out 40 a week for a year to new entrepreneurs coming off the dole.

In Govan, another dismal part of Glasgow, Linda Echlin is also a new-age entrepreneur. She got an urban aid grant to start a home-knitting firm, which now prospers on her own designs, using 60 home knitters working to order.

She works in an old school converted by Strathclyde Community Business into workspaces. She now plans to help other young Govanites out of their post-industrial apathy by running a cafe to be set up by a church group.

Although James Riley and Linda Echlin have counterparts everywhere in Britain, the number of the newly-busy is still marginal compared to the total unemployed. But networkers like Dauncey see job-finding as only one of their functions: their real interest is a new society.

John Pierce, who runs the community business in which Linda Echlin has her office, gets money from the Scottish Development Agency. "But we often battle against the SDA," he said. "They think of conventional recovery, full employment and all that. We think of something new."

"Something new" implies a whole philosophy: much more than new economics. It means new medicine, new psychology, new education, new technology and a new approach to the third world and to peace.

Dauncey is close to the pulse of the movement and has absorbed the writings of its major prophets. These begin, perhaps, with Leopold Kohr whose book The Breakdown of Nations, published in 1957, gave Fritz Schumacher his central idea for Small is Beautiful which was published in 1974.

Last year the anti-economist and visionary James Robertson outlined his ("SHE") economy — sane, humane and ecological. Professor Charles Handy of the London Business School looks ahead at a revolutionary future for work and education. As scores of other exponents of the new economics gathered last year at the Alternative Economic Summit (Toes) in London each presenting a paper. They plan another Toes this year to challenge the official summit.

Dauncey argues that communities need first to be decolonised, in Britain as in Bangladesh. He told Toes: "Unless a local community contains a wide range of varied, locally-owned and controlled business, it stands at the mercy of the international trade winds, which can destroy a 'mono-crop' economy overnight, and the policy-makers of Tokyo and New York, who can close down a local branch without even properly knowing where it is."

This means recycling wealth in the community instead of dissipating investment through large, anonymous institutions. "Saver Sovereignty" is one of the sub-themes of the new economics. A successful firm called The Financial Initiative is a network of people "interested in new institutions designed to create real wealth."

The vision holds good for the third world, whose communities are urged to develop the same degree of self-sufficiency, growing food instead of coffee, tea and cocoa. Dauncey argued: "the alienation from our own local economies, which makes us feel that we cannot do anything about unemployment, also makes us feel unable to do anything about famines oversees and the gradual destruction of the earth's ecosphere."

Nearer home, in Dauncey's workaday vision, "It is perfectly possible that when we are through with this period of change, we will see some people working three days on a fortnight for an employer, three days for themselves on a self-employed basis and three days a week in the local community, perhaps instead of paying taxes.

This new movement has no political platform, turning its back on the "giantism" of both Left and Right. It aims to go, like the West German Greens, "neither left nor right but forwards."

The essential revolution is personal: decolonise yourself. "Think globally, act locally," is one of its few slogans. Anyone, unemployed or not, can take one step toward the new age by cutting down on junk food (hamburgers need beef that needs wheat that Ethiopians could have done with), starting a vegetable garden, sharing a job, helping with the local drop-in centre for the unemployed, or merely insulating the roof.

But the central revolt is against economics, now called "a disease of the brain" because it solemnly upholds two notions so absurd that any child could explode them: that people act primarily according to economic interests, and that you can go on indefinitely with "growth" based on taking non-renewable resources out and putting polluting wastes back, into a finite earth.

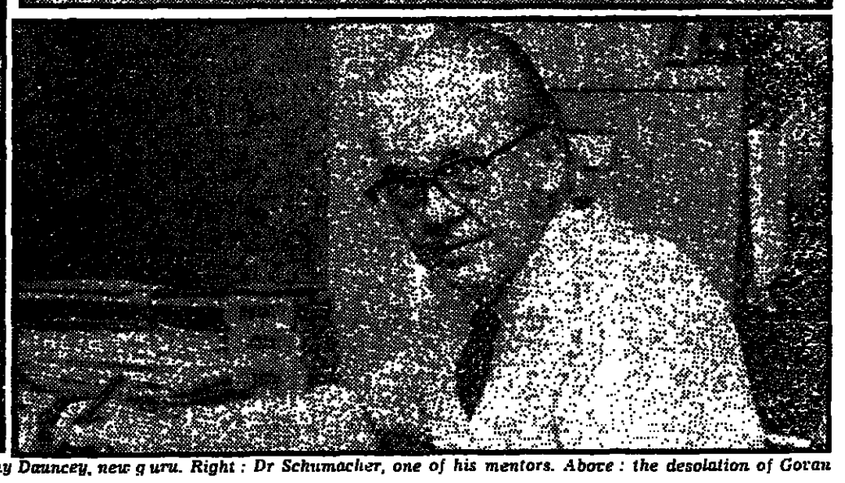
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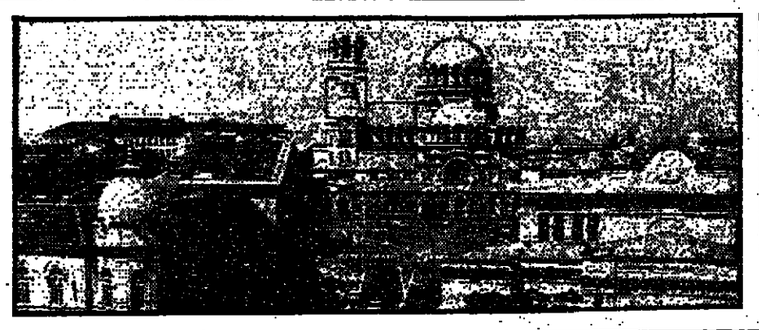




Left: Guy Dauncey, new guru. Right: Dr Schumacher, one of his mentors. Above: the desolation of Govan

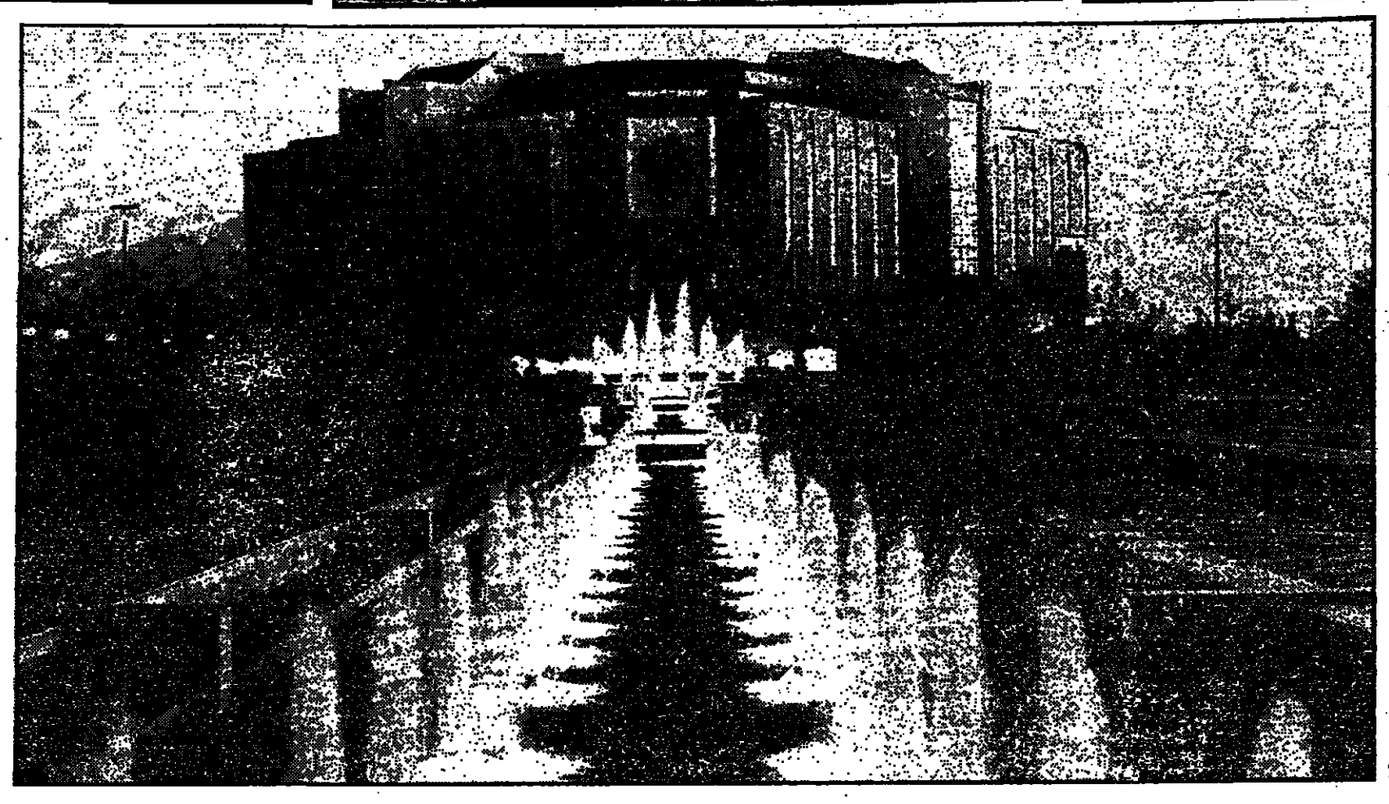
The long march of the barefoot economy







Above, left to right: the Rila Monastery; Sofia; and Stara Zagora



The National Palace of Culture, Sofia

Hella Pick introduces a special report on Bulgaria in the context of next month's visit there by Sir Geoffrey Howe, and the British Week in Sofia

Stealing the show with a transformation scene

THE HOPEFUL outcome of the Shultz-Gromyko meeting in Geneva earlier this month has been widely interpreted in Eastern Europe as an encouragement to the smaller Communist block countries to intensify their own dialogue with the West. But Bulgaria had arranged to host Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on February 9 and 10, following it up with a "British Week" in Sofia, well in advance of any signals from the Kremlin.

The country's leader, President Zhivkov, is not a man who seeks the international limelight, even though he has for some years been beavering away to promote a nuclear free zone in the Balkans, and in the process improved Bulgaria's relations with some of its Balkan neighbours, especially Greece. He must also be planning to reactivate his visit to Bonn, called off hurriedly last year, probably in consultation with Mr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, who has also postponed a visit to the Federal Republic.

In other words, there is little doubt that Bulgaria, while remaining a close ally of the Soviet Union, has gained in self-assurance and prosperity, and feels ready to develop a more active foreign policy. Cognoscenti of the East European landscape are virtually unanimous that the country is undergoing a gradual, but remarkable transformation. It is moving cautiously along the path of economic reform. It is rejuvenating its political establishment, refreshing its ideological backdrop, and generating steadily rising living standards.

There is little general awareness of this in the West, and not much in Eastern Europe. More usually, Hungary is singled out as a country of adventurous economic reform; East Germany as the prototype of an advanced industrial performer, while Romania is summed up as the one block country with an independent, even rebellious foreign policy.

Bulgaria is more often typecast as a classical Balkan country, treading in murky waters of international intrigue and ready to do the Kremlin's dirty work. Bulgarian officials always deny that the country's minorities, the Macedonians, the Turks and the Gypsies are being forcibly assimilated: or that those who resist suffer from discrimination or punishment. At almost every level, the people resent the perception of their country as an exporter of poison-tip umbrellas, and as the instigator of the assassination plot against the Pope.

But in the final analysis, whatever truth or falsehood there is in any of the allegations against Bulgaria, a visitor with a reasonably open mind, is bound to be impressed by the country's achievements.

At the end of the last war, Bulgaria and Albania were probably the poorest and most backward countries in Europe. But, unlike Albania, Bulgaria possessed a sizeable intelligentsia, some educated in the West, others in Moscow, many of whom were socialist or Communist and opted to remain. Those who survived the Stalinist purges of the early post-war period, have helped to generate the dynamics of Todor Zhivkov's long period of leadership.

Zhivkov himself was a product of the de-Stalinisation process, which Bulgaria undertook in tandem with Khrushchev's Soviet Union, won the Communist Party leadership in 1954, when he was only 43. For many years Zhivkov seemed content to manage Bulgaria as a mirror image of the Soviet model of the Communist state. In return, Bulgaria was rewarded with cheap oil and other raw materials from the Soviet Union, and avoiding the presence of Soviet army garrisons.

But in the 1970s, East-West detente led to a marked revival of national consciousness, and an awareness of the country's cultural past as well as its future potential. Unobtrusively, Zhivkov moved to modernise the economy and rejuvenate the leadership. He was helped and encouraged by his much-travelled daughter Ludmila. She became Bulgaria's cultural ambassador, but died before she could see the full results of her ideas and influence.

Bulgaria is a fertile country. Food has become a major export, and it now has well-managed agro-industrial complexes that are seen as a model for other Socialist countries. A key reason why they are so successful is that every Bulgarian — peasant, industrial worker or intellectual — is allowed to have a private plot, where they can grow anything they wish — flowers, or fruit, or vegetables, even chickens or pigs.

They can also dispose of the produce, as they wish — keep it for their own use, sell it to the State farms, or sell in the small private markets that have mushroomed throughout the country. This right to sell in the free market, has proved a psychological fillip, generating greater productivity on state-owned farms, and increasing agricultural output to an extent where much of the country's ample meat, milk and vegetable supplies now come from the small private plots.

Signs of prosperity are to be seen everywhere in the countryside with many new houses in the villages, and young people resisting the temptation to move to the bigger cities — which in turn have become transformed.

At the same time, without incurring the heavy hard currency debt burden which weights down other East European economies, the Zhivkov leadership has succeeded in achieving steady growth in its industrial sector.

Bulgarians, unlike Hungarians, do not talk of economic "reform", but they are developing their own "new economic mechanism." It is not directed towards the establishment of a free market economy, and so far at least, the Party leadership generally sees it as vital to retain central control over macro-economic policy. Within these parameters, there is considerable decentralisation, greater autonomy, and a certain freedom from political control for individual enterprises. The establishment of smaller businesses is now actively encouraged. Uneconomic units are threatened with closure, while worker participation is also being fostered. In addition there is an inevitable trend towards market-determined pricing, away from state subsidies.

Bulgaria is a small country. Its planners believe it has the potential to become the "silicon valley" of the Communist block, and they are actively encouraging the establishment of high technology industries. Since they recognise the need for western technology, they are carefully shopping for investment partners.

Inevitably, there is party political resistance to some of the changes that are being introduced. President Zhivkov's answer has been to act with determination in promoting younger men to senior posts, but he obviously wants them to act with circumspection. The Bulgarian leader, while encouraging innovation, appears determined to avoid ideological upheaval, or pressure for political liberalisation.

It is as if the Bulgarian leadership has looked carefully round the Socialist camp, learning from the successes — and failures — of its friends, and is developing a model that even the Soviet leadership has come to admire, and perhaps even emulate.

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A commercial break in Sofia

THE BRITISH WEEK
Michael Simmons

THE equivalent of at least a planeload of British politicians, diplomats, businessmen and journalists will descend on Bulgaria in the week beginning February 10. As has become the norm under the Thatcher Government, a formal visit from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will be quickly followed by some high-powered sales talk from company representatives anxious to establish, or consolidate, whatever foothold they may have in one of Comecon's more successful economies.

The chief vehicle for this exercise, with backing from the British Overseas Trade Board, will be the London Chamber of Commerce, which has been beavering away in Sofia since the early 1960s. The chairman of the Chamber's Bulgarian Committee — probably the only committee of its kind in Britain — is the tireless Leopold Friedman, a much-travelled "renaissance" type of businessman (if ever there was one) who clearly enjoys the graft of selling in one of the world's most difficult markets.

His counterpart in London is Mr Moritz Assa, congenial and convivial commercial counsellor at the Bulgarian Embassy. For 15 years or so, with occasional breaks at the Ministry of Foreign Trade in Sofia, he has been tireless in the often uphill task of selling Bulgarian goods in Britain.

These two men, together with Robert Anthony, overall head of the Chamber's East European sections, have been largely responsible for setting-up of the British Week, involving more than 30 companies in sales talks and technical lectures, which moves into gear as Sir Geoffrey departs.

The diversity of subjects to be covered in the proposed lecture programme is an indication as much of Bulgaria's insatiable commercial curiosity as it is of Britain's capacity for esoteric know-how. Sandwiched between a discourse on the niceties of mechanical fastening systems for improved production and another on antimicrobial preservatives and antioxidants for pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, there will be an hour on hygiene for process waters and another on developments in soft drinks packaging.

The pitfalls of translating just such minutiae, and the small print of these minutiae, into comprehensible Bulgarian is presumably just one of a number of not inconsiderable obstacles on the road to clinching successful contracts. When legal ramifications and the currency complexities have also to be dealt with, it might seem that any amount of midnight oil is not enough to stop a hair or two from turning grey. But then, there have been rumours that Bulgarian rose water — or was it Bulgarian wine? — does wonders in places that others cannot reach.

The London Chamber works through its counterpart in Sofia, which will be arranging, as it has arranged in previous missions since 1976, both the talk-ins and the contacts between appropriate buyers and sellers. Ostensibly, Bulgarian businessmen are being encouraged to foster their own dialogues with Western exporters; in fact, a great deal of the "fixing" is still done from the centre.

At the last British Week in Bulgaria, held in 1932, seventeen British companies gave a total of 25 papers, in one of Sofia's best appointed hotels. They were heard by a total attendance of some 1,400. Now that the international trade recession is on the ebb, the expectation is that interest this time will probably be even higher.

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THE ECONOMY
Hella Pick

BULGARIA is just as concerned as the Soviet Union's other major trading partners to have Comecon, the Communist block's organisation for economic cooperation, adapt itself to changing circumstances in the international economic climate.

But Bulgaria can afford to be more relaxed than several other members of the organisation. Its economy is not shackled by crippling hard currency debts: during the last four years it has been able to repay almost half its debt, and now owes less than $2,000 million, an achievement no other Comecon country has been able to match.

Neither has its economy been held back by shortages of energy or other raw materials. The Soviet Union has always treated Bulgaria as a special partner, selling crude oil for many years at favourable rates, and in quantities considerably in excess of Bulgaria's needs. This has enabled the country to export refined oil to hard currency markets, mainly in the Third World. It is one of the reasons why Bulgaria has been able to reduce its hard currency deficit.

It also earns much hard currency with its international road haulage undertaking, one of the largest in Europe.

The country is a major agricultural exporter. In return for Soviet oil and raw materials, it has been able to provide a steady supply of fruit and vegetables and processed foods to the Soviet Union. This, together with industrial exports means that more than three quarters of its trade is with Comecon countries. The Soviet Union alone accounts for more than half the country's trade.

Bulgaria's planners now contend that these close trade links with Comecon, far from being a handicap, have helped to ensure the economy's steady growth. Paradoxically, because Bulgaria is so far less dependent on trade with the West than the other East European countries, it is now able to shop more carefully for the Western technology, which they need to achieve their goal of becoming a new silicon valley.

Growth figures for 1984 are not yet available, but it looks



The flower market in Stara Zagora

as if Bulgaria has been able to maintain an annual growth of GNP around the 3-4 per cent mark. It means that at last year's Comecon summit, Bulgaria could afford to be one of the more relaxed participants. Now, as Moscow has urged greater Comecon integration, and more specialisation, it is making a strong case for developing its electronics industry, including telecommunications, and high technology machinery and instruments.

On the other hand, it may have been less successful in winning Moscow's support for a radical restructuring of the price system for Comecon trade. The summit agreed to the principle of a far-reaching review, but little progress appears to have been achieved. There is no doubt that Bulgaria would like to be paid more roubles for its exports to the Soviet Union, and the Russians, seeking to reduce the cost of subsidising their Socialist friends, are trying to establish more realistic prices for the goods they sell to Comecon countries.

Mystery surrounds the prices actually used for Comecon trade calculations. The fall in world prices for crude oil may mean that this year, Bulgaria is already paying more for Soviet oil than it would pay for oil imported from the Middle East. But the Bulgarian economy should be able to absorb the additional cost easily enough, as long as the Soviet Union continues to offer enough crude to allow Bulgaria to process the surplus into a hard currency earner.

The Soviet Union has a considerable interest in assuring the healthy development of the Bulgarian economy. The new economic mechanism in Bulgaria is something of a pilot scheme for possible economic change in the Soviet Union. Less radical than Hungary's economic reforms, they are far more attractive to the Russians because of the great care that is being taken to avoid ideological tension. The Bulgarians are careful to preserve essential elements of centralism; perhaps in deference to the Kremlin as much as to their own party faithfuls.

But none of this prevents the Bulgarians from looking to the West to help achieve the transformation of the country into a modern socialist state.



The beach at Primorsko

Warm welcome for diversions from Spain

TOURISM
Michael Simmons

TOURISM in Bulgaria is one of the country's most carefully cossetted industries. It has to be, for it is now one of its top half-dozen hard currency earners.

Figures may vary — between London and Sofia — but it seems to be accepted that while the influx of visitors from other East European countries is around 1.5 million a year, the number from the West is now approaching half that number. Their pounds, marks, francs and dollars are clearly vital in an economy which is persistently hunting for sophisticated technology.

The latest statistical reference book for Bulgaria, recently published (in English) in Sofia, gives the number of visitors from Britain as just under 50,000 in 1983, a 7 per cent fall on the year before, though well up on the total for 1980. If Mr Ognian Avgarski, British director of the National Tourist Office, has his way, however, the number of British holiday-makers this year will reach between 80,000 and 85,000 and around 100,000 three years from now.

To say he is optimistic is meaningless. Most Bulgarians tend to be optimists. More probably he uses a different statistical base.

But even Mr Avgarski would doubtless agree that Bulgaria's aim over the years has unambiguously been to capture the cheaper "Spanish" end of the tourism market, especially from Western Europe. If there have been recent attempts to go further "up market," it is a sign that some shrewd research has been done and that the authorities have their arguments for developing more sophisticated accommodation, all the year round, charging more sophisticated prices.

Purpose-built holiday centres on the Black Sea coast have undoubted attractions, but can be rather limited places, geographically and in other senses. Currency bonuses, which most holidaymakers are entitled to, and the voucher system, which opens the door to eating at any Balkan tourist establishment, are inadequate compensation if one is nevertheless tied to one place.

More satisfying is the notion of getting about to see more of the country and its people, perhaps by hiring a car. Public transport is cheap, but has its limitations. Self-drive in a dependable vehicle offers more scope, and if the vehicle is not dependable, the mechanics workshop of the average State farm can easily be prevailed upon to carry out, in an atmosphere of great excitement and curiosity, the necessary repairs.

For winter holidaymakers, the Bulgarians are now trying very hard to develop a ski centre industry. The tourist office in London has produced an elaborate glossy brochure, and is expecting well over a quarter of this year's visitors (on its own figures) to come from Britain. Most of the ski resorts are only a short distance from Sofia — itself a pleasant city, with much open space, and interesting history, and some interesting buildings.

Mr Avgarski — Oggi to his friends — can also produce a redoubtable 78-year-old Briton called Robert Knight who has been ski-ing "all over Europe" for 60 years, and who now purrs that "you just can't beat" the mountain resort of Borovetz. His enthusiasm might also stem, apparently, from the night-clubs, the discos, or the (peculiarly Bulgarian) "folklore evenings." Mr Knight also says: "I like the way of life."

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TRADE RELATIONS
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ECONOMIC relations between Bulgaria and Britain, right up to the Second World War, were limited. During the post-war period, however, cooperation between the two countries started to develop, even though rather hesitantly. The first substantial formal move to regulate economic relations between the two occurred in 1955 with the signing of a bi-lateral trade agreement.

Exchanges developed rapidly especially after 1970, when the first long-term agreement was signed. At present, trade relations between the two countries are promoted according to the special accord on economic, industrial, scientific and technological cooperation, signed in 1974, and on the basis of this the Bulgarian/UK Joint Commission has met twelve times.

Britain has ranged between fourth and sixth place in Bulgaria's list of trading partners in industrialised Western Europe. On Bulgarian calculations, the annual exchange of goods between the two countries over the last three full years (1981-1983) for which figures are available, has ranged between $220 million and $325 million. The best year was 1981 — $325.5 million, of which purchases from Britain came to $184.3 million. Over the same period, Bulgarian exports to Britain have fluctuated between $110 million and $140 million. In other words, the imbalance in Britain's favour has persisted for a number of years and has undoubtedly had a restraining effect on the expansion of exchanges.

Bulgaria has a wide variety of goods available for export to Britain, from ferrous metals and furniture, through wines, jams and white cheese, to typewriters, electric and motor trucks, and toys. British sales have consisted mainly of investment goods (about 24 per cent), raw materials and others — about 65 per cent, as well as agricultural goods and products of food-processing industry — about 11 per cent.

This means Bulgaria's exports to Britain are far behind its manufacturing and export capabilities. In this connection, the competent British authorities could be much more flexible towards Bulgarian products. The EEC's so called "anti-dumping procedures" and the limity on the transfer of technology, as well as the constantly swelling list of goods banned for export to socialist countries, are becoming a serious barrier to the normal flow of trade between countries.

The elimination of these obstacles and the further development of trade and economic cooperation between Bulgaria and Britain is of mutual interest.

Bulgaria would like to develop machine-building, the food, wine and tobacco industry, including the relevant equipment production and the chemical and biotechnology industries. It would also like to see the further establishment of small and middle-sized enterprises, and open the way to possibilities for cooperation between Bulgarian economic corporations and foreign trade organisations and British companies.

There are also large possibilities for cooperation in the field of electronics and telecommunications, agricultural chemicals, dyes, pharmaceutical products and pure chemicals, petrochemical oils, and in the modernisation of meat processing.

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ROY HARRY finds out where the motor industry is heading in the wake of the Japanese

THERE IS, I am sorry to relate, little point in any interested parties scurrying to the Stockholms Bilsalong, the first international motor show to be held in the Swedish capital for 23 years; it closed yesterday. Jonas Gawell, managing director of Bilindustriforeningen — roughly the equivalent of our own SMMT — was feeling at ease long before the show began. All the space had been spoken for, every car maker currently selling on the Swedish market was represented together with the usual array of parts, accessories, in-car entertainment that is, these days, unavoidable at any motor show.

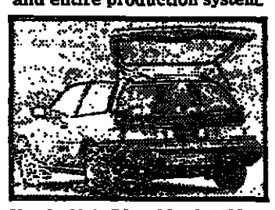
Sweden has thus stolen the right to claim the debut of the international motor salon season this year — which will be just as busy as any other. Putting aside commercial vehicles, we have the Amsterdam car show opening in ten days, Geneva a month later, Barcelona in May, and the Frankfurt blockbuster in September.

But 1985 is also election year in Sweden and the motor-car, with its role in the economy worldwide, clearly has a special significance so the organisers took the opportunity to arrange a special congress on what it called strategies for continuing success: whether we like it or not, the automobile industry is a catalyst for dynamic development, creating employment and leading to economic stability.

Bob Lutz, chairman of Ford of Europe, provided an international overview, the heads of Volvo and Saab-Scania spoke from their own competitive viewpoint: and from Brighton came Daniel Jones to talk of the evolution of the world automobile industry. Mr Jones, based at the University of Sussex, is the UK team leader of the MIT "Future of the Automobile" programme, which has been running for four years.

"When we began, we thought we might be writing the obituary of another mature industry whose time had come, at least in the advance countries," he told me: instead, Mr Jones sees a new and bright future that few had anticipated.

"Two fundamental changes are reshaping the world automobile industry, the first, the diffusion of radically different management and organisation techniques developed in Japan, and the second is the widespread introduction of new technologies that are changing both the product and entire production system.



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"Each of these changes was the result of a creative breakthrough in technology or management by a particular set of producers and the pattern that followed was remarkably similar, easing a rapid growth in demand and leading to a powerful export threat to producers in the rest of the world.

"As a result, a new region of the world seized the initiative in shaping the future of the industry worldwide while producers elsewhere embarked upon a process of catching up and adoption of new best practice. And, in many cases, governments intervened to stop the trade flows resulting from the competitive imbalance that had been set up.

"The speed with which this imbalance was resolved depended on how fast those who had made the breakthrough were willing to diffuse their best practice to the rest of the world, on how fast those who had some distance to catch up actually pushed through the necessary painful changes and upon the extent to which government policies facilitated or hindered this inevitable process."

According to Mr Jones, the first of these transformations came from the American producers from around 1910 when Henry Ford moved from custom building to a mass volume, combining a new product, the Model T, with a novel system of factory social organisation, breaking down work tasks into monotonous repetition. General Motors followed and the effect was to dramatically reduce costs with these two companies dominating the world automobile industry throughout the interwar period.

The European response was to erect trade barriers, with the US producers in turn retaliating by building modern integrated plants in Europe — whose producers then started copying what they had learned from Detroit.

The second transformation was led by the Europeans after World War Two. Because of natural differences, each European car industry had gone its own way so that by the early Sixties they had an extraordinary range of models to offer in foreign markets while the basic US-produced car had changed very little. The diversity of the European industry, far from being the weakness that those who worried about the "American challenge" claimed, proved to be its strength.



Honda Civic CRX coupe

This is still the case, argues Mr Jones. "When the Japanese captured the small car market in the United States, some European makers went upmarket and created an entirely new high-priced luxury segment which they now dominate."

Japan wrought the next major shake-up. With a protected domestic market and a ban on foreign ownership, the Japanese licensed small car designs from Europe and introduced the best management principles from the US — turning them upside down to suit Japanese principles: the result was a much cheaper product with much higher manufacturing accuracy.

The best-known aspect is the "just in time" system by which they removed the buffer stocks from their operations, believing that they hid rather than ameliorated problems. The method depends on a zero defects policy which has overturned the conventional notion that quality costs more — the Japanese have shown that defect prevention by each line worker costs less than that by a separate army of quality inspectors.

The Japanese have also improved the relationship between assemblers and suppliers with cross ownership links, mostly falling short of majority ownership, overcoming the weaknesses of vertically integrated companies in the West and of arms length dealings with independent suppliers.

Significant, too, is membership of one of the large industrial groups in Japan — Mitsubishi, Sumitomo, Mitsui — which comprise many hundreds of companies in all main industries including a bank all owning a share in each other with combined assets several times those of the largest Western car company. "Close relations with the group bank provide assistance in times of difficulty though competition with other companies within the group remains intense," says Mr Jones.

"The Japanese were able to reduce the total hours needed to build a car from 250 in 1970 to 140 in 1981 — and further reductions have followed: in the US and West Germany, the average is about 200."

What finally convinced the Japanese that they would have to build plants in the West was the increasing number of barriers being built to thwart their exports. The four largest Japanese producers look to a million-car output in North America by 1988 and Jones sees investment in Europe, aided by exchange rates, being not far behind.

"Meanwhile, European and American producers have begun to adopt many of the Japanese techniques either through direct copying, through collaboration (such as Austin Rover and Honda) or by observing the activities of Japanese-owned plants in their own countries . . .

"The Japanese system is fully transferable to the West and those companies which look for excuses because the task seems impossible or who think they can get around this challenge by introducing more automation are in for a rude shock."

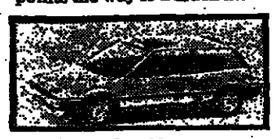
Mr Jones and his team see the next two product generations incorporating a whole range of new technologies.

"The new generation of production technology taking shape around computer aided design and engineering, robotic welding painting have added a new element of flexibility, dramatically reducing economies of scale and crucial if models have to be changed more frequently to keep pace with improvements in the rapidly changing state of the art of car design.

"But automation as a way of improving product quality and manufacturing accuracy must be seen as a complement and not a substitute for organisational improvements along Japanese lines to reduce labour hours. Pressure has been reduced for a minimum output of two million units and smaller makers such as Saab and Austin Rover are pioneering the development of smaller scale tooling which will not be such a priority for those such as Ford, GM, and VW.

"CAD and CAE not only eliminate many tedious tasks but they allow far greater refinement: testing is now not so much to discover basic faults as to check the simulations performed on the computer.

"As the time — and hopefully the cost — of designing a new car or variant falls and the production tooling becomes more flexible, the whole concept of a model or model range will change," says Mr Jones . . . "the recent Honda Civic range points the way to a much more



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Gambling on Union Carbide may be too risky even for America's Bass brothers

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Alex Brummer

IN THE rough and tumble world of the American boardroom the automatic response to corporate raiders is to call in the lawyers and investment bankers, put up the defences and fight for survival and independence.

But when the target is post-Bhopal Union Carbide and the intruders are the Bass brothers of Fort Worth, the welcome is as pleasing as the arrival of Marshal Blucher on the field of Waterloo.

The storm of the Bhopal tragedy is swirling around Union Carbide with increased vehemence. India's Attorney-General appears to have recognised what the American ambulance-chasing lawyers knew from the first: the chances of financial restitution for the victims and their families will be greatly improved if the case can be heard in the United States. Indeed, hearings to decide in which state the 37 Bhopal claim cases filed should be heard are currently underway in New Orleans.

Public sympathy for the plight in which Union Carbide found itself is beginning to fade. Serious question as to what the management of Union Carbide knew about the potential dangers in Bhopal are now arising as a result of congressional investigation.

Further, the company's solicitous reputation in the US has been badly bruised by reports from the Environmental Protection Agency of repeated spills of methyl isocyanate (MIC) at its plant in Institute, West Virginia, just a few miles from the centre of the highly populated city of Charleston, in West Virginia.

Documents disclosed by Congressman Henry Waxman (Democrat, California), chairman of the House subcommittee on health and environment, are particularly worrying. They show that last September, three months before the gas escape in Bhopal, the company's plant managers at Institute were warned by safety inspectors of a "runaway reaction" at a tank storing MIC which could lead to "catastrophic failure." At the end of the week the company said there had been no imminent danger and the problem was corrected within a month.

This disclosure, together with the Environmental Protection Agency's report of 28 escapes or spills of MIC at Institute, must be giving fresh concern to the company's lawyers, accountants and investors who are still wrestling with the complex legal and financial problems posed by Bhopal. The potential for huge claims, which could eat deeply in the firm's assets, will almost certainly result in a tough qualification to Union Carbide's next annual report. A sort of red flag to new investors to stay away.

Despite this, Union Carbide's shares have held up remarkably well, trading last week at around $38 each, against the pre-Bhopal price of above $50 and the low of below $35 reached soon after disaster struck in India. It has now been revealed that an important underpinning for the shares has been the entry on the scene of the Bass brothers, who have already spent some $150 million on a 5 per cent plus stake and on past form could soon be in for more.

The entry of the Bass brothers should not be that surprising to those who have tracked their recent investment patterns. They are becoming America's corporate ghouls, hovering over ailing or troubled companies in the hope of rich pickings. When other investors are pulling out, more often than not the Bass brothers are buying in.

When the Brock Hotel Corporation almost ran aground because of financial trouble at its pizza parlours the Bass brothers' rival Americana Hotel Group was standing by to pick up the pieces: when Continental Illinois ran into difficulty last year, the Bass brothers were quickly on the scene, seeing if they could acquire a bargain basement bank from the federal authorities (their price was too low): when the all-American film and leisure group Disney came under siege from financier Saul Steinberg the Bass brothers saw an opportunity to move into a dominant position. Now they are at the doorstep of Union Carbide, being received, as at Disney, with open arms.

Newsweek magazine, in a gushing November cover story, described the family as the new Rockerfellers, telling of how they had taken both America's cultural and businesss life by storm. However, their scare tactics in many of their stock market deals smell more of latter day financiers such as Sir James Goldsmith, Saul Steinberg and T. Boone Pickens — men whose fortunes have been built on share trading and "greenmail" — than America's great industrial and banking dynasties.

Who then are the Bass brothers? They are the heirs to a fortune established by the famous Texan wildcatter Sid Richardson, a childless bachelor, who later took in his nephew Perry Bass as a partner. Perry Bass's four sons, Sid Richardson Bass, Robert Bass, Ed Bass and Lee Bass, have paralysed their inheritance from their father—together with bequests from Sid Richardson himself — into a fortune now estimated to be worth as much as $4 billion.

The financial base of the Bass brothers' fortune is their Texan wells which pump some 300,000 barrels of oil a day, worth an estimated $113 million a year. From their twin 32-floor office tower in the centre of Forth Worth — a city striving to shake off its "cowtown" image — the Basses now control an empire which reaches into clothing, banking, hi-tech, hotels and films.

With the help of a top team of financial advisers filched from such Wall Street houses as Goldman Sachs, the brothers have developed an uncanny eye for the good deal and their timing is usually impeccable. After Gulf Oil was swallowed by Standard Oil of California last spring the Bass brothers clearly realised the time was ripe to clean up with their Texaco stake. In the largest "greenmail" deal of all time the Basses gratefully accepted $1.3 billion for their 9.8 per cent Texaco stake, a premium of some $5 a share on the then market price of $45.

What then are the Basses' ambitions at Union Carbide? Given the family habit of keeping their cards close to the chest this can only be a matter of conjecture. The view on Wall Street however is that the brothers have spotted an asset-rich company which is undervalued by the market.

Given their generally successful record at Texaco, Disney and in other enterprises such as the Pier 39 store in San Francisco, it is difficult to dispute their judgment. But in Union Carbide the gamble may be more serious than in other cases. It can be respectively argued that if the Bhopal claims are, by some quirk of the legal system, eventually dealt with in the American courts then Carbide's insurance and contingency funds of perhaps $200 to $300 million will fall short.

In such a case shareholders, such as the Basses, may find themselves caught in a long messy legal process similar to that at the asbestos firm Manville Corporation which will leave their money tied in knots for years.

In putting themselves at the mercy of legal systems in the US and the sub-continent the Basses have in effect taken on a challenge which could tarnish the jewels in their crown.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hunger for chips

BRITAIN'S consumption of microchips rose by 83 per cent last year to reach £787 million, according to the UK's Electronic Components Industry Federation. It said the dominant reason was the demand for personal computers, and particularly IBM's decision to manufacture its personal computers in Scotland.

The federation, representing Britain's few microchip makers, issued the figures before a weekend meeting with the Information Technology Minister, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, to discuss the future of the 10-month-old £120 million second stage of the Government's support programme for the microchip industry.

Although the programme involves strategic planning between firms and government stretching up to 1990, it has fallen to the temporary freeze imposed by Mr Pattie while he reviews research funding generally. The delegation apparently won no promises from Mr Pattie. He told them they would have to wait for decisions until the review is completed in about two months' time.

BRITAIN's ailing machine tool firms should seek joint ventures with Japanese partners as a solution to improving their market position and competitiveness, says the Technical Change Centre, in a detailed study. This would be a far better route, it arues, than linking with American or European firms, whose performance has been little better than Britain's.

The study also rejects as "inappropriate" the direct investment in Britain by Japanese firms, such as the £30 million Worcester factory proposed by Yamazaki.

SUGGESTIONS that all is not well with the City merger of Samuel Montagu and gilt-edged brokers W. Greenwell, and that Montagu's parent, Midland, is divided on the issue are wide of the mark. Both sides are indeed talking but sources say that these are merely necessary talks which are just part of the bid timetable.

QUALIFIED optimism that the economic recovery is back on course is expressed in the latest London Chamber of Commerce and Industry's economic trend survey, conducted in December. The survey, carried out among 224 companies in London and the South East, shows a substantial growth over the September survey in the volume of both domestic and export orders, and a corresponding rise in production.

BELGIAN finance house Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, is expected to step up its stake in merchant banker Henry Ansbacher following the departure of Mr Charles Williams, the managing director. GBL has a 29.9 per cent stake at present.

Wall Street's Ivan Boesky refuses to disclose size of holding

Mystery US stake in Dunlop

By Tony May

An American wheeler-dealer has taken up cards in the game to decide the fate of Dunlop. So far the Dunlop board under Sir Michael Edwardes, backed by the group's bankers, has been facing Sir Owen Green and his team from the BTR industrial combine.

Now Mr Ivan Boesky, an American risk arbitrageur, has been in touch with Dunlop to ask for fresh financial details on the strength of a shareholding which he has acquired.

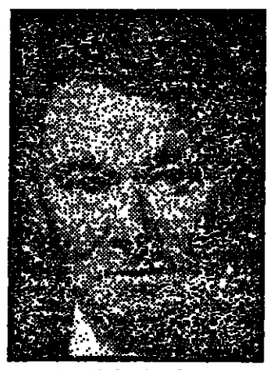
With both sides looking for support at the shareholders' meetings called for February 8 to vote on the rescue package put together by the banks, his support could be important.

He refuses to disclose how many shares he has and his influence might be easily dismissed but for his reputation. He is a doyen of the Wall Street arbitrageurs and is Street arbitrageurs and is tune of $50 million from takeover deals like this one.

The war of words between the two main protagonists continues, with a letter from Sir Michael Edwardes. He tells employees that BTR is trying to get the group on the cheap as it recognises that Dunlop has reached a turning point and is poised to move forward strongly.

He argues that as the two groups have many activities in common "we have to consider what they have in the back of their minds regarding product and factory rationalisation. It is inevitable that this will have an adverse effect on future employment in Dunlop's operations".

On the obvious point that Dunlop may well want to cut back on employment, Sir Michael says that "I would never claim that the ercovery of Dunlop will be without pain, but at least all our actions will be aimed at rebuilding the company and improving our existing business and exploiting our own potential for Dunlop's overall benefit."



Sir Michael — letter

Builders demand Budget aid

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor.

Construction industry leaders are mounting a new campaign for urgent government measures to stimulate increased investment in essential infrastructure and the building trade.

The call comes today in pre-budget submissions to Chancellor Nigel Lawson from four construction industry representative groups who say there is a "prime need" for greater construction investment.

The four groups — the Building Employers Confederation, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, Committee of Associations of Specialist Engineering Contractors and the Export Group for the Construction Industries — are seeking an early meeting with Mr Lawson.

The plea for increased investment comes against a depressing background of fresh cuts in public spending which emerged in last week's White Paper.

Mr Lawson's White Paper points to a 10 per cent reduction in real spending on public sector construction contracts over the coming year, which is expected to be the second successive year of declining output for the construction industry as a whole.

It is estimated that the brunt of the cutbacks will be heaviest on the housing programme, with work beginning on only 30,000 new public sector homes in 1985/86. The figure was above 170,000 a year during the mid-1970s.

In addition, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors warned last week that the cuts mean that the industry will have to shed "tens of thousands" of workers.

● The Confederation of British Industry has estimated that the controversial new increases in water charges will cost businesses an extra £10 million a year. CBI director general Sir Terence Beckett said this was an "unnecessary burden" and the new charges, which are being forced on the water industry by stiff new government financial targets, will hit industries like food, chemicals, drugs and paper. Sir Terence said the increases would become a form of hidden taxation which could threaten still more jobs.

European Banking mounts new challenge to Stock Exchange

By Peter Rodgers

Another new competitor for Stock Exchange firms is expected to emerge this spring, when European Banking Company launches a market in the shares of a Europe-wide range of companies. It will be joining firms such as Robert Fleming which are already operating rival market places to the Stock Exchange in London.

Fleming specialises in the electrical sector, but EBC, which is part owned by Midland Bank, wants to trade in a range of 25 large European companies including British ones.

The plan is to start with two dealers plus a trainee in the company's Eurobond dealing room, which already has expertise in making markets in stocks. Unlike stockbrokers before the current wave of takeovers by banks, EBC is already strongly capitalised enough to back a market making activity, because it is a bank with wide Eurobond dealing experience.

If the venture is successful it may be extended later to market making in a European equivalent of over-the-counter stocks, trading shares in companies without Stock Exchange listings.

A number of other London firms including Harvard Securities are making markets in shares, spurred on to greater efforts recently by British Telecom, which can now be traded through a number of non-Stock Exchange firms.

The trend illustrates the way the exchange may become vulnerable to direct outside competition if it offends or deters some of the London securities trading firms when it draws up its new rules. There is nothing to prevent them operating rival market places.

EBC is an Anglo-Belgian bank with a balance sheet of $4 billion in the last accounts. Its shareholders include some of Europe's largest banks, apart from Midland — which has bought a stake in stockbrokers W. Greenwell — they are Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank, Banca Commerciala Italiana, Creditanstalt of Austria, Deutsche Bank, Societe Generale de Banque and Societe Generale (France).

Pull-out hits job creation

By Peter Rodgers

The Government has withdrawn an exchange rate guarantee which made it possible for the European Commission to extend cheap loans to small and medium-size businesses outside the development areas. The business is to be taken up by commercial banks at higher interest rates.

The move has stopped a loan programme amounting to about £15 million since the end of 1983, which was one of the few ways business in high unemployment areas such as inner London could get preferential assistance.

The end of the scheme has also halted negotiations by the Greater London Enterprise Board to take over administration of some of the funds on an agency basis. The scheme has been run by clearing banks, but GLEB volunteered to handle funds on behalf of Brussels. A GLEB spokesman said, "We had not agreed it with the commission but we were making good progress and were optimistic that we would be able to negotiate an arrangement."

The Government withdrew the guarantee for the facility, called the New Community Instrument, on December 18 on the grounds that new sources of finance for small and medium businesses have now been developed by the banks.

But another reason is that the Treasury no longer wants the burden of an exchange rate guarantee covering variations in the value of sterling

NatWest 'involved in loan to S. Africa'

By our City Staff

Assurances from NatWest Bank that it had not been involved in a new South African loan were rebutted yesterday by the End Loans to Southern Africa Campaign, which said that the name of a NatWest subsidiary appeared on a newspaper announcement of a credit in November.

Lord Boardman, NatWest's chairman, wrote this month to the Rev. David Haslam, secretary of Eltsa, saying that the Handelsbank subsidiary had not been involved in recent loan facilities for South African Transport Services (SATS). Lord Boardman said that in particular the Swiss subsidiary "was not involved in the loan which I understand was arranged for SATS in November 1984."

A NatWest spokesman acknowledged yesterday that Handelsbank's name had appeared in the announcement of a loan on November 16, but added that it "underwrote a very small proportion and this involvement was undertaken on behalf of Handelsbank customers. Acquisition of this type of security on behalf of customers is a long-established service by Handelsbank and other Swiss banks and the transaction did not involve the NatWest Bank group making an unconditional loan to a South African entity."

The spokesman said that there was "no intention of misrepresenting our position concerning loans to South Africa" in the chairman's letter.

Iran deal revived

By our Industrial Staff

The UK's General Electric Company is preparing to return to Iran to complete the Ahwaz 2 power station project which it abandoned in 1979 after the revolution.

The plant, situated in southern Iran, was 80 per cent complete when work stopped and the order to finish the project is likely to be worth up to £40 million.

GEC Turbine Generator Services has been negotiating with the Iran state power generation and the transmission company, Tavanir, for 18 months. Mr Alan Brown, a GEC director, said: "The Iranians want the plant completed and now it's just a question of when the deal is finalised."

GEC say the project will be supported by Britain's export credit agency, the ECGD.

Whistle blower has new evidence

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

STANLEY Adams has uncovered new evidence supporting his 10-year battle to prove he was betrayed by the European Commission after he exposed the illegal trading activities of the giant Swiss drugs combine, Hoffmann-La Roche.

The new evidence will form a key part of his case which will finally be heard by the 11 judges of the European Court of Justice on Thursday.

Mr Adams, who formerly worked for Hoffmann-La Roche, was thrown into a Swiss gaol in 1974 and his wife committed suicide after she was told he would be imprisoned for 20 years for "industrial espionage." He was released on bail and ultimately fled to England where he has carried on a tireless campaign to prove that the European Commission told the drugs firm that he had supplied the evidence against them.

Leading figures from across the political spectrum



Stanley Adams — confident

have lined up behind Mr Adams.

The European Commission, with huge resources at its disposal, has retained Mr Jeremy Lever, QC, one of Britain's leading experts on EEC law, to help mount a defence against Mr Adams' charges and his claim for damages in excess of £500,000.

Mr Adams has received some income from the sale of his book about the affair, Roche versus Adams, but he remains dependent on legal aid from the European Court. His case will be argued by Mr David Vaughn, QC, who also enjoys a high reputation in EEC law.

The hearing on Thursday is preliminary, and a final judgment is expected next month. Mr Adams, who lives in Surrey with his new wife, Deborah, and the three daughters from his former marriage, said: "I am very confident I will win."

A second case, alleging that "industrial espionage" laws on the Swiss statute book breach the free trade agreement between the EEC and Switzerland, is still pending before the court.

Germans lead race to modernise with microchips

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

Germany first, although only by a neck from Britain; France a poor third. That summarises the results of a Government-backed survey into the comparative pace of microchip modernisation of industry in the three nations, published today.

In almost all aspects of automation in manufacturing and process industries, the survey across 3,800 firms shows the same broad patterns in all three countries — only up to a half of all factories actually using microelectronics and job losses through automation running at less than 0.5 per cent a year. But there is one striking contrast.

Union opposition to change has been a major difficulty for 16 per cent of firms in France, 14 per cent in Germany, but only 7 per cent in Britain. The report says that the British problem is mainly in the printing industry. Yet opposition from top and middle management is seen as a problem in 7 per cent of UK companies but by very few in France and Germany.

The joint survey was conducted in Britain by the Independent Policy Studies Institute and in Germany and France by official research bodies — VDI and BIPE. The British and German work was funded by the two governments through the Anglo-German foundation.

Overall 66 per cent of the factories surveyed in Germany used microelectronics when the survey was made more than a year ago, compared with 65 per cent in Britain and 61 in France. But most of those use the microchip to automate production rather than update their products as well.

Factories employing microelectronics account for about three-quarters of total manufacturing employment in the UK and Germany and two-thirds in France. But the sample did not include many small firms, and the report estimates that the true overall figures of microchip use are 51 per cent in Germany, 47 in Britain, and 38 in France.

A significant difference is that centrally organised automation for several stages of production, rather than in bits and pieces, is the norm in a third of German factories compared with only a fifth in Britain and France.

In all three countries the lack of microelectronics expertise has been the biggest difficulty encountered — "a very important problem" for 55 per cent of German factories, 51 in France, and 45 in the UK. British firms found a greater obstacle than the others in the general economic climate (43 per cent Britain, 23 France, 20 Germany) and in raising finance (30 per cent UK, 19 France, 18 Germany).

The survey team calculates that the net job losses overall through the introduction of microchip automation has been 34,000 in Britain, 30,000 in Germany, and 12,000 in France. These figures represent an annual rate of decrease of less than 0.5 per cent of total employment in manufacturing and less than 5 per cent of the loss of manufacturing jobs through other causes.

(Microelectronics in Industry: An International Comparison. £10. PSI Publications, 1/2 Castle Lane, London SW1 E6DR.)

Women 'lose out on pensions'

WOMEN get a raw deal from occupational pension schemes, says the Equal Opportunities Commission in a report published today. Even in schemes with a large proportion of women members — such as the Health Service, local government and the education service — only dependent widowers get a pension when female members of the schemes dies. Most schemes provide automatic benefits for the children of male members but only 28 per cent of schemes provide the same benefits for female members.

Free sheets fear VAT on a notional cover 'price'

By Maggie Brown

Several large companies are believed to be holding back in their plans to expand into free newspapers and magazines until they know the outcome of the March 18 Budget, and whether VAT is going to be brought in.

Ladbroke, the betting, hotels and property group is thought to have spent months preparing a detailed plan of attack costing several millions of pounds, but it is putting its diversification plans on hold until March 19.

However, the Yellow Advertiser Newspaper Group is adding to its expanding London and Essex free-sheets by buying the London and Local Advertiser from Haymarket for an undisclosed sum. It is also picking up the monthly Property Buyer's Guide, and three leisure annuals.

There has been some sign of a recent lull in deals: the still growing weekly free-sheet sector is now characterised by larger companies — Eastern Counties Newspapers, Reed International, Fleet — paying out significant sums for small established free-sheets, which they are amalgamating into viable larger units.

Fleet's Morgan Grampian magazine division for example has recently spent about £2 million buying a Local Advertiser series based in Hampstead and the Enfield Advertiser group. It has chosen to build up an arc of free newspapers around the prosperous northern residential belt, attacking the London market from an outer suburban base.

The major fear of the broader newspaper industry is that the Chancellor might impose VAT on the cover price of publications: since free-sheets don't cost anything a levy could be placed on the publishers, based on a "imputed value" of the paper to the recipient. This, it is widely accepted, could destroy the economics of the sector because it would have to be met directly out of profits of the 200 plus mainly small companies in the "free" sector. It is this worry holding Ladbroke back.

But if VAT is imposed on advertising, then the free-sheets are expected to shrug off the impact more easily than their rival paid-for weekly papers, already a species under distinct threat. This is because free-sheet have a curiously structured advertising income.

They are estimated to earn about 60 per cent of their revenue from display advertising, usually placed by local firms, and only 40 per cent from classified advertising, which includes small ads placed by readers, not firms.

The paid-for press, with its more traditional readership, relies on classified revenue for 60 per cent, display advertising for 40 per cent, a neat reversal. Companies are also able to reclaim VAT, while individuals are not. So advertising price rises would choke back demand.

The industry is still lobbying furiously against the imposition of VAT, but it looks as if, the frees, at least, could live quite easily with VAT on adversiting.

But publications such as Exchange & Mart, recently bought for £82 million by United Newspapers in a deal which amazed many rivals who are conviced United overpaid, could be hard hit since it is pre-eminently the advertising magazine for ordinary people. In fact, Link House, former owners of Exchange & Mart, took a 30 per cent stake in the Yellow Advertiser last year, precisely because of the way its free-sheets rely on different sources of an advertising revenue.

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Interest payable	Relevant Index figure: Published in	Relating to
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BUSINESS PEOPLE

Margareta Pagano talks to Alex Fletcher, typical of the new breed of Tory ministers

Share shops for all, American style



Alex Fletcher: giving the consumer a wider choice

IN HIS quiet, unassuming way Alex Fletcher has probably done more to upset one of the most sacred totems of the middle-class, middle-ranking Tory voters than any other politician.

He is perhaps one of the newest breeds of Tories committed totally to a free-market. The walls of his otherwise rather stuffy Whitehall offices carry blatant messages to visitors. A couple of posters, picked up on his much vaunted trips to the US, proclaim: "Why doesn't Havana have a cigar exchange?" and "Why doesn't Peking have a duck exchange?"

As a consumer affairs minister Mr Fletcher has taken on virtually all the most monopolistic professions in his short spell in office. In a manner inconceivable to most diehard Conservatives, who have kept a respectable distance from the professions, Mr Fletcher has doggedly brought the wind of *competition through the most* closed shop professions.

Lawyers and accountants are encouraged now to advertise their wares, the opticians' stranglehold has been broken, unrepentant directors have been taken to task in the insolvency bill and veterinary surgeons will soon have to advertise. Next on the list is for EEC block exemption rules to apply to motor traders.

His views on the present Roskill Committee investigation into the jury system are illustrative of his pragmatic, no-nonsense approach.

Widespread anxiety over the persistent failure of juries to convict in fraud cases believed to be due to *their complexity* and technically prompted the investigation. While most have *responded that the best alternative* is to bring in a panel of experts, Mr Fletcher's stock answer is simply that the legal profession should learn to speak in layman's language. There is no excuse, he argues, for lawyers who earn fat fees not being able to translate technical jargon into language the man in the street can understand.

But then he is a Scot, and the Scots traditionally treat the English legal system with disdain. Mr Fletcher, MP for Edinburgh North for the last 10 years and now Edinburgh Central concedes: "I have come to lean on various professions. But there is simply no excuse for the monopoly which has ruled for decades in several professions. Although advertising to many may not seem very important I believe it is the first step to freeing the markets. It gives the consumer a much wider and more informed choice and at least they can now get a price. This must be good for competition."

Mr Fletcher describes himself as a sponsoring Minister who wants to make life easy for business, and not a regulator. He candidly admits he has at *times to remind himself* that he is there to represent the consumer. But he takes refuge from the belief that consumer interests are best protected by a lively business climate.

His support for businessman Michael Montague as the new chairman of the National Consumer Council is a case in point. Mr Montague's appointment may be the ultimate poacher turned gamekeeper but Mr Fletcher argues that Mr Montague, by virtue of his background, can do a good job for consumers.

A chartered accountant by training, Mr Fletcher went into business working first as a marketing executive for IBM, and then managing director of an Edinburgh company for seven years. He stood for Parliament in 1973 and worked in the Scottish Office as Under Secretary and Minister for education and industry. He moved on quickly to the Department of Trade and Industry as a direct appointment by Cecil Parkinson after the last election. This perhaps says enough of where Mr Fletcher is in the Tory party and how he stands with colleagues.

He is a relaxed, low profile man with, colleagues say, a great sense of humour whom they have never seen angry. Although he may not be blessed with *the finest academic skills* he is sharp on detail, learns quickly, listens to arguments but can also be a good persuader and coaxer. While not a great orator he is swift with small groups and, perhaps surprisingly, comes across extremely well on TV and radio. He has an open door to his Civil Service minions who find him extremely agreeable to work for. But, at the same time, that greatest of political attributes — cunning — does not escape him.

His moves to break up the professions by opening them to competition involved him in countless meetings, lobbying from pressure groups — including the Institute of Directors and the CBI over the insolvency bill — from which he emerged well-bloodied but usually on the winning side.

"One side of human nature I have learned to understand fairly thoroughly is that when it comes to self-interest everybody is much the same. It is not a question of intellect but when interests are threatened it doesn't matter whether it is doctors or dockers on the other side of the table — they all try to use their influence," he says.

Mr Fletcher is also known as *the man with a hobby-horse* which, perhaps unfairly, is often regarded with bemusement *in some City circles*. He often recalls boyhood memories of the old Greenock Stock Exchange which was a great source of local capital and employment. He would like to see new local markets springing up which could be providers of jobs and finance for new business which borrows the experience of the Americans who do put up money on a community basis via, for example, the local dentist.

His line is not Tebbit's strict "get on your bike" but a wider appeal for a more entrepreneurial climate because he recognises that there are unemployed out there who do want to do something to save themselves. Mr Fletcher's other preoccupation is with the US-style share shops which he would love to see spread in the UK. The changing finance industry, he believes, could give the impetus for a wider share owning population with people buying shares even in the supermarket.

While Mr Fletcher believes fervently in self-regulation for that greatest of markets — the City — he has equally little shrift for the "cosy club" atmosphere of most City dining rooms. Rooms, incidentally, where he *has spent a good many lunches* since Mr Parkinson put the cat among the pigeons by dropping the restrictive practices case against the Stock Exchange.

Starting from the basis that self-regulation is the best, most effective and flexible system of letting a market operate, he has had to be as sure that it means the best deal for the investor. This investor is a high priority — not be nannied, he says, but protected from being made a fool of.

He is adamant that the teeth through sanctions and licences which will be built into the Government's White Paper — to be unveiled tomorrow — will be far superior to any standing Government body, commission, call it what you will.

"This is far too important an issue to be left to a quango. I mean that sincerely. If the despatch box and Parliament were to be the final means of regulation then, I am afraid, very little would get done and it certainly could not be done quickly."

But, by allowing the City to police itself, he argues, the practitioners will be policed by their own kind. "Surely the ultimate sanction is to be thrown out of the body where you make your living. And, don't forget, the Department of Trade still has the power to revoke the powers which will be invested in the new supervisory body — or bodies. That in itself must be a fairly powerful weapon."

He admits that the quality of debate since he outlined the skeleton regulatory network last October has been pretty limited but believes the White Paper — which should contain just a few surprises for City practitioners and observers — will stimulate a much more informed discussion.

But while Mr Fletcher and Norman Tebbit are convinced that self-regulation is the most superior way out, there is a growing army of opinion in the hard-core of the City itself which has been converted to some sort of standing body. Fears are that with the very vast changes taking place in the markets the scope for abuse is too great to be left to City "policemen." One collapse, goes the view, and the City and Government will have such egg on its face that it will be forced back to square one. Others say one more disaster like Johnson Matthey at the Bank of England and the Treasury will step in.

Mr Fletcher is unperturbed. "I'll be dammed if in two to three years' timewe are going to have a commission. We want *this major piece of work to last* and have made sure where possible that it will."

Messrs Fletcher and Tebbit have worked very closely on the white paper. While Mr Fletcher did most of the legwork in the early stages Mr Tebbit, after a steep learning curve, has taken on the frontline issues in Cabinet. Since he came out of hospital Mr Tebbit has, colleagues say, gone to great pains to polish it and present it as a political work rather than a major treatise. Great effort has gone into trying to pre-empt predictable opposition. How successful will be seen tomorrow.

Rebel miners have demanded ballot votes, and called into question the existence of their union. John Torode reports.

When the rebels turn back to the law



WORKING BRIEF

THE miners' strike is crumbling fast. So, too, it sometimes seems, is the miners' union.

All of which calls into question two central elements in our industrial relations system. They are its increasingly challenged elitism and its institutionalism.

Jargon words, of course. But by elitism I mean the reluctance of most union bosses and employers to go directly to those who are called, patronisingly, "the lads and lasses on *the shop floor*" and *ask them*, through the ballot box, what they think.

Institutionalism is an overdeveloped respect for existing institutions, on the ground that they exist and have done for some time.

The NUM is the only significant British union to have insistence upon a direct and secret strike ballot written into its national constitution. (Most of Arthur Scargill's current problems stem from his decision, almost a year ago, to duck such constitutional and democratic niceties and bounce his members into a national strike without the option. But that is another story.)

In the quarter century following the end of World War Two, big unions called strikes when the "moderate" general secretary, plus, if it was a very daring sort of union, the executive or a few top officials decided negotiations had broken down. Then negotiations were resumed and a settlement acceptable to the bargainers eventually reached. Whereupon the strike was called off.

The rank and file lacked even the rubber stamp needed for formal endorsement. All of which led to the rise and rise of the radical shop steward, the role of the wildcat walk out and, eventually, the "two tier" system of industrial relations recognised by the Donovan Commission. Some managers started to bargain with the informal wielders of shop floor power.

Too many union bosses still spent their time jumping up and down upon stewards' combines and semi-secret groups linking different plants or different companies within an industry. (Interestingly, this pattern was as true of the Yorkshire coalfield, which spawned King Arthur, as it was of Ford at Dagenham or Longbridge in the Midlands motor industry.)

Just as a number of managers came to terms with new realities, so, eventually, did the unions. Sometimes this involved recruiting, as full-time officials, men who had been shop floor activists or had championed their case. The Transport and General Workers, through Frank Cousins, Jack Jones, Moss Evans to Ron Todd, was the classic case.

Lay activists entered national negotiating teams and bargained harder than the older generation of full-time officials. Mass meetings of members were asked to vote on the employers' "final" offer. Official strikes were called on and called off in the now notorious muddy playing fields. But it is worth stressing that these were genuine attempts to broaden the franchise and to extend democracy. For all their imperfections they were categorically not a plot to deliver the masses into the hands of conspiratorial groups of mindless militants.

By the mid-1970s the strains began to show. The ramshackle new democracy proved wide open to manipulation — by exactly the sort of people who had, in good faith, fought for its introduction. The temptation was made worse as it became apparent that the rank and file were a sight more moderate than this radical new union establishment.

A few industrialists such as Sir Michael Edward selectively exploited that gap by conducting his own ballots on his own terms, as and when he could get away with it. Suddenly the stewards and the full-time officials of unions like the TGWU found themselves on the defensive. The men who had fought to lever open the union franchise were now perceived as the men who defended smoke filled meeting halls and suspect shows of hands on rain sodden recreation grounds.

Even so, many employers still think it somehow caddish to communicate directly with their employees. Still less to seek their opinion — except through the unions.

Thatcherism politicised the populist distaste shown by union masses for the radicalism of shop stewards and the new generation of union officials. The stress upon secret strike ballots and periodic, preferably postal votes for top union office implied a Tory belief in the existence of a silent (and moderate) majority. So did the planned referendums on the closed shop and the political levy.

All of which was in marked contrast to earlier governments, orthodox Conservative and Labour alike. They had seen the masses as militant Morlocks, to be restrained by "responsible" union officials and, if they failed, by the law of the land. Mrs Thatcher claimed to be using the law to liberate the moderate majority.

Most commentators (including this one) have concentrated upon the political implications of this ploy. More union members voted Conservative in 1979 than ever before. By 1983 a substantial majority of union members were voting "anti-Labour" — Tory or Alliance. Opinion polls demonstrated consistent support among union members for Thatcherite "anti-union" laws. Rank and file revolts in the docks, on the railways, in the motor industry and elsewhere apparently showed that union officials were still out of touch with their moderate (or cowed) members.

The industrial relations implications are finally bubbling through. They were well illustrated by the miners' strike. Working people now expect a strike ballot as of right. When miners were denied one, tens of thousands remained at work. In the past, miners' strikes had crumbled. Never before had a quarter of the membership revolted against an official strike call.

Working miners reach for their lawyers with an enthusiasm and a sophistication which would have been unthinkable five years ago. If you perceive your union constitution or natural justice itself to be under threat you take to the courts these days. Interesting that the *legal remedies sought* are not those provided under the new legislation. They have always been available. It is the climate which has changed to encourage union members to take advantage of long established law. The psychological impact of Thatcherism is only just beginning to be felt.

● *Next week. Working Brief will look at the likely impact of this revolution upon management style and union structures.*

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PASS MASTER : Paul Harkin, Man of the Match Picture by Mike Brett

Paul Fitzpatrick—Hull 0, Hull KR 12

Harkin eclipses Sterling to give Rovers revenge

RUGBY LEAGUE

Roger Millward, the Hull Kingston Rovers coach, was unhappy beforehand at the decision to play the John Player Special Trophy final on Saturday on a Boothferry Park pitch only partially cleared of snow. But he was grateful afterwards that the match had gone ahead. Reservations about tricky pitches tend to evaporate rapidly once the prize has been grasped.

And so a fascinating struggle for supremacy on Humberside continues . . . Last October, in the Yorkshire Cup final, Hull recovered from a 12-points deficit to win handsomely. Rovers were left to brood on that defeat for almost three months, but this time they won as deservedly — though by fewer points — as Hull had done earlier.

There is arguably more skill and subtlety in the Hull side, but these qualities counted for nothing on Saturday against Rovers' solid, all-round virtues. It would have been unreasonable to have expected sure-footed running and sustained handling movements in these conditions, and Rovers, perceptively, concentrated instead on making as few errors as possible.

The only serious flaw in their performance was the place-kicking of Fairbairn, who cannot get his sights adjusted on this ground at all. In two successive finals at Boothferry Park he has failed to land a single goal—on Saturday, he missed five. It should also be said that the rest of his game was impeccable.

What Hull might have achieved if Skerrett, Muggleton and, above all, Norton, had been fit and in the pack must remain speculation. There was a vast amount of redundant experience there, and Rovers afterwards acknowledged that the withdrawal of Norton had been an enormous stimulus to their pre-match preparations.

Five of the Hull forwards used were 21 or under, and *against a pack as hardened* and knowledgeable as that of Rovers, the battle up front proved unequal. In theory, Rovers should have been weakened by the absence of Kelly, but Hogan proved a devastating replacement, scoring one strong-running try, throwing out a beautiful long pass for Clark's try near the end, and playing throughout with the ambition of a man given an opportunity too inviting to waste.

Rovers' forward authority provided Harkin with a freedom that he exploited to the limits, running bravely and elusively, handling brilliantly and finding touch unerringly with a succession of kicks that had the opposition wearily trooping deep into defence. There are not many occasions when Sterling has to concede second-best to his opposite scrum-half, but this was one of them.

Harkin, an inevitable choice for man of the match, cast his mind back afterwards to the disappointment of the Yorkshire Cup final. "You didn't play that badly," said someone comfortingly. "No," said Harkin, "but Peter (Sterling) captured all the headlines.

"The trouble was that I went into that game with the wrong attitude, thinking only that I mustn't make any mistakes. I went into this match more nervous than I've ever been in my life, but with a more positive approach. Look," he said smiling, "my hands are still shaking." Nervous? No one would ever have believed it.

The pattern of the Yorkshire Cup final was inevitably recalled as Rovers, through tries by Prohm in the 13th minute and Hogan five minutes later, established early authority, with the significant difference this time that it was maintained. Clark's try in the final 10 minutes merely extinguished any lasting hopes of a late Hull offensive.

Hull lost Kemble with concussion in the first half, and Edmonds with a gash over an eye in the second, and their coach, Arthur Bunting, claimed that they should have been awarded an obstruction try in the opening minutes. But neither Bunting nor anyone else in a competition-record crowd of 25,326 would question too vehemently that the trophy has gone to the right club.

Hull: Kemble (Schofield, 21 min); Evans, Ah Kuoi, Leuluai, O'Hara; Topliss, Sterling; Edmonds (Dannatt, 64 min), Patrick, Rose, Crooks, Proctor, Divorty.

Hull Kingston Rovers: Fairbairn; Clark, Robinson, Prohm, Laws; M. Smith, Harkin; Broadhurst, Watkinson, Ema, Burton, Hogan, Millier.

Referee: S. Wall (Leigh).

● Southend Invicta, whose future was placed in jeopardy by the resignation of their chairman and two directors last week, were watched by their lowest crowd so far — 150 — when they were beaten at home by Blackpool.

● Leeds's Challenge Cup tie with Bridgend at Headingley yesterday started an hour late because the Welsh club were held up on snow-covered roads. Leeds ran in 68 points, with Australian Test winger Grothe collecting a hat-trick of tries, before Blackwood collected a late consolation try for the Blue Dragons.

SATURDAY
JOHN PLAYER TROPHY — FINAL
Hull 0, Hull KR (8) 12. Hull KR: Tries, Prohm, Hogan, Clark. (Boothferry Park: 25,326).

YESTERDAY
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP
Preliminary Round
Leeds (34) 68, Bridgend (0) 6. Leeds: Tries, Grothe (3), Patterson (2), Medley (2), Creasser (2), Laffranchi, Dyl, Dick. Hague; Goals, Creaser (8). Bridgend: Try, Blackwood; Goal, Aired. (3,564).
SECOND DIVISION
Southend Invicta (2) 2, Blackpool Borough (11) 27. Southend: Goal, Chetwynd-Stapylton. Blackpool: Tries, Broome (2), Bailey (2), Price; Goals, Turley (3); DG, O'Loughlin. (150).
All other matches postponed.

Christopher Moore at Cervinia

Phipps off top six

BOBSLEIGH

Britain's Nick Phipps, who had hoped for a place in the top six, slipped back one place yesterday to finish eighth in the four-man event of the World Bobsleigh Championships at Cervinia, Italy.

The 32-year-old Londoner, and his crew of Paddy Bredin, Bob Thorne and Alan Cearns improved the British track record still further with a time of 1 min 3.95sec on their third lauf but were still overtaken by the Italian No. 1 driver Guerrino Ghedina.

East Germany completed their second double of the championships, with Bernhard Lehmann and Detlef Richter taking the gold and silver medals after Lehmann had lowered the track record to 1 min 2.97sec on his first run.

Switzerland's Silvio Giobellina, who was in second place overnight, had to settle for the Bronze after Richter had put in the fastest time for the final lauf.

FIXTURES

Soccer
(7.30 pm unless stated)
FA CUP. — Third Round, Third Replay: Norwich v. Birmingham.
MILK CUP. — Fifth Round: Chelsea v. Sheffield Wed. Fifth Round, Replay: QPR v. Ipswich.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — First Round, First Leg: Port Vale v. Northampton.
SCOTTISH CUP. — Second Round Replay: Stenhousemuir v. Stranraer.
FA TROPHY. — First Round: Crewe v. Kidderminster; Harden v. Matlock; Gateshead v. Stalybridge; Dudley v. AP Leamington; Harlow v. Wealdstone; Merthyr v. Croydon (7.0). First Round Replays: Barnet v. Dagenham; Bangor v. Bootle; Harrow B v. Slough. Second Round Replays: Bishops S v. Bath; Wokingham v. Dulwich H.
SOUTHWARK ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. — Croydon v. Wokingham Town.
SL BILL DELLOW CUP. — Third Round: Maidstone v. Yeovil; Waterlooville v. Basingstoke.
CENTRAL LEAGUE. — Second Division: Leicester v. Hull (7.0); Preston v. Doncaster (7.0); Wolverhampton v. Blackpool (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Oxford Utd v. Crystal P.
NORTH SHIELDS TROPHY. — First Round: Bishop Auckland v. North Shields.
FA YOUTH CUP. — Third Round: Barnsley v. Wolves.

Hockey
TRUMAN INDOOR LEAGUE (at Crystal Palace). — First Division: Slough v. Tulse Hill.

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PORT BRIEF

Christopher West Germany com- the Fermoy ntries international nuary in County Cork finishing in a brisk face the Pole who came steeplechase, the World Champi- Wales behind, came record holder, Steve third place by an- West German, Robert

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JOHN PLAYER CUP THIRD ROUND

David Frost — Leicester 43, Bristol 4

Leicester and Underwood a delight

RUGBY UNION

LEICESTER'S DISCIPLINE, daring, and ingenuity on Saturday were a delight. Their home John Player Cup third round victory by 43-4 was their biggest margin over Bristol in 136 matches between the clubs.

Bristol officials said it was the heaviest defeat they had ever suffered from an English club in their whole history of almost 100 years.

Even Leicester in their cup-winning years under Chalkie White can seldom, if ever, have played better. Right throughout the team, from prop to full-back, there was a confidence, an alertness, and a belief that this was to be their day. The forwards wrested and smuggled the ball from mauls and then tore about the field in eager support. Wheeler even helped himself to three heels against the head, which says something for the scrummaging of Richardson.

Kenney showed courage in overcoming a fumbling start, Cusworth was at his superbly inventive best, and nothing was more reassuring than to see Dodge and Woodward running and passing with the style they used to display four or five years ago. Underwood and Williams revelled in the opportunities and the space provided for them and roamed the field in search of further chances to split the Bristol defence.

Hare, running far more than he used to, played a vital role in many of Leicester's sweeping attacks as well as being in form as a goalkicker with a success rate of eight out of 11. His four conversions and four penalty goals gave him a personal total of 20 points.

It was a measure of Leicester's *discipline* that, even under a strict referee, they allowed Bristol only one penalty kick at goal all afternoon. This was taken and missed by Barnes before he had to leave the field midway through the first half with a hip injury. His departure can have had little bearing on the result, because Sorrell, who moved to his old position of stand-off half and Duggan, who went to full-back, both played competently. The substitute, Jeffery, a scrum half, played on the left wing.

It was not that Bristol played badly, they were simply outpaced and outthought by a Leicester team dedicated to swift, fluent, creative movement. Underwood, a much improved footballer, scored four of Leicester's five tries, and Williams got the other. Woodward dropped a goal. Leicester had reached a score of 37-0 before Morley scored Bristol's try.

The only problem for Leicester is that they may find it difficult to reach such a peak again this season. The next round of the Cup is on February 23. The big question of the moment is who will have to play Leicester as a result of the draw which is to be made at noon today.

Leicester: W. Hare; K. Williams, P. Dodge, C. Woodward, R. Underwood; L. Cusworth, S. Kenney; W. Richardson, P. Wheeler, S. Redfern, M. Foulkes-Arnold, N. Joyce, I. Smith (capt), D. Richards, J. Wells.

Bristol: D. Sorrell; A. Morley, S. Hogg, J. Watson, H. Duggan; S. Barnes (P. Jeffery), R. Harding; A. Sheppard, K. Bogira, J. Doubleday, N. Pomphrey, P. Stiff, P. Polledri (capt), R. Hesford, W. Hone.

Referee: A. Welsby (Manchester Society).

ROUND-UP

Barrie Fairall

Saracens saved by a gift

ARGUING WITH the referee can prove a costly business and Gosforth, former Cup-holders, should really know better. They will not feature among the names in this morning's fourth round draw, Saracens gratefully accepting the opportunity to kick a late and match-winning penalty goal in their tough tie at Southgate on Saturday.

Terry Friend, appropriately named in the circumstances, was the gentleman in charge who came to the assistance of Saracens. With the score locked at 13-13, and Gosforth preparing to celebrate victory by virtue of being the visiting side, Malcolm Young was penalised for a deliberate knock-on.

The offence took place well out of kicking range, but general dissent and then a verbal ear-bashing from Colin White resulted in the peaved Friend marching Gosforth back some 20 or so yards. David Gregory stepped up, kicked the goal, and Saracens survived.

Wasps, shored up in the pack by the timely return of mighty Maurice Colclough, took a while taming Rosslyn Park's terriers 23-10 at Sudbury. Five tries to two — a couple of them scored by Huw Davies — was a fair measure of Wasps superiority, but without the injured Nick Stringer they looked desperately shorn of the goalkicker who could prove crucial in later and more demanding rounds.

Waterloo had the narrowest squeak of the afternoon before slipping past a bewildered Bedford by a single point at Goldington Road. The rest ran true to form — Bath, Gloucester, Harlequins and Coventry doing much as they pleased.

That brings us to the unsung heroes of the round, little Lichfield side stopping Sidcup 11-4 and Lydney lording it up at Redruth 29-11. A share of the gate at Welford Road would do either of these junior clubs proud, but you can bet your boots that no one else will relish the prospect of being drawn away to Leicester.



ABOVE THE FRAY . . . Maurice Colclough, Wasps' former England lock, in dominating form against London Welsh

David Davies—Nottingham 15, Northampton 3

Mantell prevails

When the opposition have a back row as voracious as Nottingham's, it makes little sense to run the ball back towards them. When Northampton, with a preponderance of possession, finally realised this, they started to throw the ball about, but with a carelessness *that was culpable and which* lost them this tie 15-3.

Extravagant passes are all very well when, as with the Australians, they go to hand. When, as with Northampton, they go to the ground, they not only bring attacks to a juddering halt and let the opposition clear, they also break the hearts of your forwards.

Northampton with Wood, Pearce, and Cannon outstanding, began in dominant form. By the end Mantell was getting the first touch all the time and the Nottingham scrum which had been going backwards was on top.

Northampton, playing with the wind in the first half, needed a reasonable lead at halftime and, with a semblance of steadiness from Larkin and Woodrow, might well have obtained it. Nottingham were pretty ragged as typified by Drane who, after missing a high ball, inadvertently kicked it backwards 15 yards and over his own line. Northampton took the scrum with a big shove but, with Nottingham spreadeagled, Larkin threw the ball miles from anyone and another good chance had gone.

That happened on the stroke *of halftime, which arrived with* the score at two penalties by Hodgkinson to one by Greenhalgh and the odds were now clearly favouring the home side.

Hodgkinson and Drane duly took the score to 12-3; Greenhalgh missed two relatively easy ones and the best bit of football in the match gave Notts a 12-point lead. Northard put up a steepler which Cubitt caught, only to be dispossessed by the fast following Nottingham forwards. The ball popped out to Hodgkinson who, with very little time available, dropped a goal.

Nottingham.—M. Drane; S. Holdstock, M. Northard, G. Hartley, D. Holdstock; S. Hodgkinson, R. Moon; J. Ward, B. Moore, M. Grindle, P. Nixon, N. Mantell, P. Cook, G. Rees, S. Hughes.

Northampton.—S. Williams; M. Greenhalgh, A. Street, D. Woodrow, J. Cubitt; P. Larkin, R. Field, I. Heywood, R. Gardner, G. Pearce, D. Newman, V. Cannon, J. Lambden, I. White, G. Wood.

Referee: G. Crawford (London Society).

Robert Waterhouse —Liverpool 16, London S 13

Burns night fades

London Scottish headed quickly back south on Saturday for Burns Night without much to celebrate. In a match exciting only for the closeness of scores, their forwards had provided the base for a solid victory squandered by the timidity and ineptitude of their backs.

Liverpool have a reputation for close marking. On this, the first meeting of the two clubs, they let little enough. But, line-outs apart, they had precious little to work with either. Liverpool were half themselves in the loose, where individual Scots made frightening advances, and were often reliant on Jones to counter with teasing grub kicks.

Lack of training showed most of all in the Scottish line, which stacked up far too close for any danger other than dropping the ball. The bitter wind, whirling rather than blowing, didn't help, and as the game progressed, Liverpool's much more adventurous backs began to show.

An exchange of penalties was finally broken by Liverpool when Jeffrey and Unsworth put Tanner clear. Scots' spirit brought an immediate counter with Walters showing real pace on the right wing. From the resulting ruck on the Liverpool line Gordon was credited with scoring.

Now the aggregate stood at 13-13 and Scottish hopes were pinned on the away ruling. But Askew accepted one of several late penalty awards against the over-eager Scottish forwards and Liverpool left the field highly relieved.

Liverpool. — J. Unsworth; N. Heslop, I. Jeffrey, A. Askew, D. Tanner; B. Wellens, G. Jones; M. Stevenson, K. Rabbitt, D. O'Brien, M. Hale, J. McKeon, I. Naughton, P. Buckton, J. Hescott (capt).

London Scottish. — S. Irvine; S. Walters, R. Gordon (capt), D. Bruce-Lockhart, T. Patterson-Brown; A. Friell, A. Cushing; N. Weir, G. Rendall, J. Fraser, J. Campbell-Lammerton, A. Rhodes, D. Buchanan, A. Morrison, J. Macklin.

Referee: G. Rees (Hampshire Society).

● Ireland's coach, Mick Doyle, confessed yesterday that he knew little about the Scotland team his side will face on Saturday. "And that does not worry me in the least," he said. "I am predicting a win for Ireland in Edinburgh because we have the players committed to do it. I believe in them and now they believe in themselves."

Doyle brought together a Shadow XV for a full scale match against Ireland on the main Landsdowne Road pitch yesterday.

SOCCER

Ian Ridley

Botham bowls into town

"IT WENT mad about 10 past two, I don't know why," said the car park attendant in Yeovil on Saturday. He must have been the only person in the town who didn't know that Ian Botham was making his debut for their Gola League side.

It is a testament to Botham that at a difficult time for him — he faces a court case for possession of cannabis and his position as captain of Somerset is likely to come under review — he can still put on a show. The famous Huish slope was surrounded by 2,099 spectators, about double the average, for the visit of Northwich Bictoria.

He didn't do badly, as several Northwich players conceded. There were some neat flicks — even a dummy — a couple of powerful shots, and some crunching JPR-style collisions. "Botham using his weight there," said the hospital radio commentator. His home-town crowd quite warmed to him.

He did lack pace though, and not surprisingly ran out of steam, as did his team who fell to a single late goal. The supporter who called for Biv Richards was not quite a barmy as he sounded. Richards did, after all, play for Antigua in the World Cup.

"It's not just a publicity thing," insisted Botham, who takes his football seriously as his black eye illustrated. "I thought I fitted in very well considering I haven't met the players before."

He did add, though, that he thought he had made the right choice when selecting football or cricket as a career.

Botham is on a month's loan from Scunthorpe but that could be extended until he takes Somerset to Barbados on March 24. It will need quite a goalscoring effort from him if Yeovil, managed by the former Bristol City and Manchester City player, Gerry Gow, are to avoid relegation; in non-League terms akin to Arsenal going down. Tonight the Ian Botham road show rolls into Maidstone.

David Irvine—Sale 33, Aspatria 10

Sale use their weight

Literally, it was a pushover. Three times Aspatria were forced to concede tries as their forwards were shunted back over their own line. Metaphorically, they were nothing like the soft touch the score might suggest in a rousing Cup tie at Brooklands where even Sale acknowledged that their opponents' tries were the best of the day.

Having lost at Wigton in 1979, the last time they were drawn against a club from the far North-west, Sale were determined not to be caught out again. Once bitten, twice shy. Even so it was sad to see the new National Merit Table leaders having to rely so heavily on brute force.

Realistically, there was no way Aspatria could have won — they hardly even gained primary possession — yet, their spirit and determination, fuelled by tackling worth a collective VC enabled them not only to embarrass their betters but match them try for try until the 65th minute.

Millar and Rogers, with Doggart a flawless supporter at their heels, performed prodigious feats and, when Sale attempted to spin the ball, Aspatria's midfield eagerly followed their back row's example.

Only when Sale went for a pushover, which they attempted nine times, were the Cumbrians stumped for an answer. It was the simplicity of Aspatria's tries, though, that really made Sale squirm. Nothing fancy either, just direct running and good support with Tinnion and Campbell arriving on cue to make the touch downs.

Sale's best were Kenrick, a No 8 of outstanding ability, and the line-out jumper Craig. Kenrick claimed two tries and Smith and Tipping the others while Egan dropped a goal and Jennion kicked four conversions and two penalties. Borthwick got one conversion for the Cumbrians.

Sale.—G. Jennion; H. Thomas, A. Bond (capt), P. Stansfield, H. Benjamin; A. Egan, S. Smith; M. Higgs, A. Simpson, M. Callery, C. Shaw, I. McKie, S. Tipping, N. Gaffney (P. Sherratt), M. Kenrick.

Aspatria.—C. Campbell; W. Tinnion, W. Davidson, J. Walker (B. Stephenson), D. Murray; T. Borthwick, G. Doggart; N. Bruce, L. McTear (capt), P. Jackson, T. Clementson, F. Storey, D. Millar, D. Rogers, A. Bowes.

Referee: R. Parker (North Midlands).

Martyn Williams

Neath in final repeat

Cardiff face Neath in a repeat of last year's Schweppes Welsh Cup final, and the previous year's finalists, Pontypool and Swansea, have been drawn against each other in the quarter-finals of the current competition.

Bridgend have been drawn at home to face Seven Sisters, the only junior club to reach the fourth round for five years. South Wales Police, who relied on a dramatic injury-time penalty by their international, Bleddyn Bowen, to knock out Newport, travel to Llanelli, the team that humiliated them 47-16 last year.

Neath and Swansea face unenviable tasks. Cardiff are unbeaten at home this season, and only Pontypool have tarnished an immaculate record with a 9-9 draw at the Arms Park. Pontypool on the other hand, have only lost to the Australian touring team at home, and dispensed with Aberavon over the weekend without really exerting themselves.

Aberavon, in brief flashes, have proved that Pontypool are vulnerable to the counter-attack, and Swansea boast considerable running talent behind the scrum. They have, however, baffled everyone by their inability to produce form on the great occasions.

Cardiff, even on a Newbridge mudheap on Saturday, provided spectacular rugby and ran in three tries. If Pontypool possess power and predictability in performance, Cardiff can lay claim to being the best all-round team of the fourth-round survivors.

Bridgend will be thankful for home advantage against Seven Sisters from the Dulais Valley. The junior club, having beaten Rumney and Maesteg in previous rounds and the current West-Wales Cupholders, will test Bridgend to the full, especially since Gareth Williams's team have rarely played to full potential this season.

Llanelli, who last appeared in a final 10 years ago with Ray Gravelle at centre, will probably have to do without him for the quarter-final against the Police. He broke a hand in Saturday's free-running romp against Llandovery, but Llanelli are not short of talented three-quarters. South Wales Police, eager to forget last season's Llanelli clash, have never reached the quarter-final before, but it is only the fifth time in 14 years for their weekend victims Newport, not to have done so.

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP.—Quarter-finals: Cardiff v. Neath, Bridgend v. Seven Sisters, Pontypool v. Swansea, Llanelly v. South Wales Police.

SPORT IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS: Christopher Herle of West Germany comfortably won the Fermoy 10,000 metres international cross country in County Cork yesterday, finishing in a brisk 31min /sec. Boguslaw Maminski, the Pole who came second in the World Championship steeplechase, came second, 24sec behind. Steve Jones of Wales, the world marathon record holder, was pipped for third place by another West German, Robert Schneider. Jones, third for most of the race, was beaten for speed over the final stages. Betty Steenbroeke of Belgium won the women's 4,000 metres race in a comparatively fast 13min 35sec in rain and mud.

MOTOR SPORT: Ari Vatanen of Finland was involved in an accident in the Monte Carlo rally yesterday. Two spectators slipped down a back on to the road as Vatanen's Peugeot neared *the end of the second* special speed test at Saint Bonnet le Froid. One suffered a broken leg and the other was bruised. Vatanen's windscreen was shattered, and the Finn, fastest over the first timed section, lost time.

PLUMPTON

1 45 Deep Cross	3 15 Amberaries
2 15 Winter Measure	3 45 Sommelier (nb)
2 45 MOUNT HARVARD (nap)	4 15 Media Boy

* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Heavy

1 45 — SHEEKEYS RESTAURANT NOVICE CHASE: 2m; £1,594 (9 runners).

1 3-01PP DEEP CROSS (D) (P. Bancroft) Mrs J. Pitman 10-11-9 ......
3 00P-000 ASTROSYN (Astrosyn 'UK' Ltd.) C. James 7-11-3 ...... V. McKevitt
5 0000-02 BROWN BLAZER (P. English) R. Armytage 7-11-3 ...... A. Webber
F-FP DELATOR (P. Brewer) I. Wardle 8-11-3 ...... H. Davies
8 40-P004 ITALIAN AFFAIR (C. Holmes) C. Holmes 9-11-3 ...... K. Burke (7)
JAY FOUR HUNDRED (M. Murray) P. Butler 6-11-3 ...... R. Rowe
10 4P-000 MAITREDEE (Mrs A. Wales) R. Gow 6-11-3 ...... G. McCourt
11 30.'8 MATISON (M. Denness) M. Madgwick 7-11-3 ...... A. Madgwick (4)
15 00000-0 POLITBURO (D. Higgs) J. Bridger 5-10-7 ...... R. Goldstein
1984: Colonel Monck 6-10-13 C. Mann 7-1 E. Witts 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Deep Cross, 9-4 Astrosyn, 4 Brown Blazer, 6 Italian Affair, 10 Maitredee.
TOP FORM TIPS: Brown Blazer 8, Deep Cross 7, Astrosyn 6.

2 15 — MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER): 2m; £1,142 (9 runners).

2 0-11230 IT'S TOUGH (P. Kennedy) S. Woodman 6-11-10 ...... R. Dunwoody
4 114 WINTER MEASURE (D) (P. Male) Mrs J. Pitman 5-11-10 M. Pitman (7)
12 0 NELOTS BOY (A. Soskin) R. Voorspuy 5-11-0 ...... R. Rowell
13 PP NEMO KYBO (Mrs I. Kerman) R. Champion 5-11-0 ...... G. McCourt
14 P004 OLIVER ANTHONY (Mrs R. Baker) N. Gaselee 5-11-0 ...... V. McKevitt
16 00 SNOWBALL JIM (T. Tarrant) A. Moore 5-11-0 ...... G. Moore
17 43 STAR OF ARABIA (Khalid Karrar) Mrs J. Pitman 6-11-0 ... M. Bowlby (7)
19 STRETCH OUT (Mrs B. Bacon) A. Moore 7-11-0 ......
20 P FAIRLANDS BRIDE (W. Roker) M. Madgwick 5-10-9 ...... A. Madgwick (4)
1984: Wily Yeoman 5-10-10 Mr P. Hobbs 6-1 J. Gifford 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 4-6 Winter Measure, 3 It's Tough, 4 Star of Arabia, 10, Oliver Anthony.
TOP FORM TIPS: Winter Measure 9, It's Tough 7, Star of Arabia 6.

2 45 — ALBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m; £1,590 (6 runners).

1 103-2B1 MOUNT HARVARD (Le Furlong Ltd) N. Henderson 9-11-10 P. Croucher (4)
2 OPOFFP ONE ARMED BANDIT (N. de Savary) J. Jenkins 9-11-8 ...... J. Francome
3 2FPORP POLAR EXPRESS (D) (T. King) W. King 10-11-5 ...... C. Warren (7)
6 4-41012 DOLL LARS (BF) (Mrs T. Bulgin) T. Bulgin 9-10-10 ...... A. Jones (7)
8 FOP-041 RIVER WARRIOR (D) (J. Bradley) J. Bradley 7-10-6 ...... B. Powell
11 22-P003 SWIFT MESSENGER (Miss B. Palmer) R. Perkins 6-10-0 ...... Dal Williams
1984: (2m 3f 90yds) Hopeful Answer 11-10-7 B. Reilly 14-1 G. Balding 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 13-8 Mount Harvard, 9-4 River Warrior, 4 Doll Lars, 6 Swift Messenger, 16 One Armed Bandit, Polar Express.
TOP FORM TIPS: Mount Harvard 9, River Warrior 7.

3 15 — POYNINGS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE: 2m; £873 (13 runners).

2 000+011 AMBERARIES (C/D) (Mrs B. Walters) J. Jenkins 10-11-4 ...... H. Jenkins
4 000/000 BROKEN FLIGHT (D) (L. Wells) J. Davies 8-11-4 ...... A. Jones
7 000404- GUYWOOD * (C/D) (K. Sykes) P. M. Taylor 7-11-4 ...... M. Pitman
10 00000-0 LINTON GLEN (N. Greenwood) R. Parker 6-11-4 ...... E. Murphy
12 0/03PU0 MIDDAY WELCOME (C) (C. Holmes) C. Holmes 14-11-4 ...... P. Mowes
13 0-40040 RED AMBION (C/D) (Mrs C. Leather) J. Long 13-11-4 ...... Leess Long
14 P-PPPF0 ROYAL RICHES (Mrs J. Ford) G. Gracey 10-11-4 ...... D. Morris
16 SPEED BONNIE BOAT (D. Morgan) A. Davison 9-11-4 ......
17 F0-3002 TOPORI (J. Pegley) S. Woodman 6-11-4 ...... P. Corrigan
20 PP MORTON LADY (A. Aylett) A. Aylett 6-10-13 ...... G. Madgwick
21 00-4004 SHIRLEY CREPELLA (E. Treacy) J. Bridger 5-10-13 ...... B. Galvin
22 0 BRUNDEAN BREEZE (G. Martin) R. Jukes 4-10-6 ...... Dawn Pound
24 00 DARING ELLA (E. Hollingshead) B. Wise 4-10-1 ...... Alison West
1984: Laura's Pride 7-11-4 H. Jenkins 8-1 J. Jenkins 18 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Amberaries, 3 Topori, 11-2 Shirley's Crepella, 6 Red Ambion, 8 Broken Flight, 16 Guywood.
TOP FORM TIPS: Amberaries 8, Topori 7, Red Ambion 6.

3 45 — PLUMPTON HANDICAP CHASE: 3m 1f; £2,410 (6 runners).

2 3110-42 DROPS O'BRANDY (D) (Mrs C. Fairbairn) J. Edwards 10-11-7 P. Barton
4 334124 ROUND THE TWIST (C/D) (BF) (A. Ross) D. Oughton 9-11-5 P. Double
5 3213-41 SOMMELIER (D. Wates) R. Gow 7-11-4 ...... A. Webber
8 1PP-P03 THE SOMAC (M. Fleeman) Mrs N. Smith 8-10-7 ...... R. Rowe
9 042301 MASTER NIBBLE (C. Holmes) C. Holmes 10-10-7 ...... A. Webb
11 30-340F CITADEL ROC * (Miss R. Dudley) J. Bradley 10-10-0 ...... G. Davies
1984: Saunders 10-10-5 G. Moore 11-4 fav T. Clay 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Sommelier, 11-4 Master Nibble, 4 Round The Twist, 5 Drops O'Brandy, 7 The Somac, 14 Citadel Roc.
TOP FORM TIPS: Round The Twist 8, Sommelier 7.

4 15 — HICKSTEAD NOVICE HURDLE: 2½m; £826 (13 runners).

2 200-100 DRUMMOND STREET (F. Hill) A. Moore 6-11-10 ...... G. Moore
3 0100 MITILINI (C/D) (Mrs P. Lemos) R. Smyth 5-11-10 ...... C. Furlong
10 P BLAZON * (S. McCusker) M. Salaman 5-11-4
11 042 CADDAGAT (Miss M. Butcher) J. Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-4 ...... Miss P. Ffitch-Heyes (7)
18 F-0 MEND YOUR WAYS (T. Dryburgh) G. Gracey 7-11-4 ......
19 40/00P- MI DAD (Placard Ltd) Mrs J. Pitman 8-11-4 ...... M. Pitman (7)
20 0333 MIGHTY STEEL (P. Wright) N. Lee-Judson 5-11-4 ...... K. Burke (7)
21 000 NATIONAL DEBT * (G. Johns) Mrs J. Pitman 6-11-4 ...... M. Bowlby (7)
22 PP NEMO KYBO (Mrs I. Kerman) R. Champion 5-11-4 ...... doubtful
27 4P-0000 WIDE MISSOURI (T. Tayler) R. Champion 5-11-4 ...... G. McCourt
28 344300 WORDSWORTH (Nionisle Ltd) D. Wilson 5-11-4 ...... H. Davies
30 3F530-0 PARADISE STRAITS * (Miss J. Lane) S. Woodman 5-10-13 R. Dunwoody
33 U22142 RUSSBOROUGH (C) (R. Wise) B. Wise 4-10-11 ...... R. Rowell
36 402 MEDIA BOY (Mrs H. Popham) Mrs N. Smith 4-10-5 ...... R. Rowe
1984: Mister Lord 5-11-9 M. Perrett 7-4 fav S. Mellor 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Russborough, 100-30 Mitilini, 5 Media Boy, 6 Paradise Straits, 8 Mighty Steel, 10 Drummond Street, 14 Caddagat.
TOP FORM TIPS: Russborough 8, Mitilini 7, Media Boy 6.

Leicester 'hopeful'

● Leicester are hopeful or racing today despite a lunchtime blizzard yesterday which left an inch of snow on the course and necessitates a 7 a.m. inspection today. Clerk-of-the-course Nick Lees said yesterday: "The forecast is that overnight temperatures will not drop below four degrees centigrade and will rise to seven degrees in the morning. Therefore the snow is likely to thaw and any further snow turn to rain. I am still reasonably optimistic." Tomorrow's meeting at Sedgefield is in doubt because of frost and snow. They inspect at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

Barton's day of gloom and doom

RACING

Chris Hawkins

Out Of The Gloom became the new 8-1 favourite with Hill's for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle after beating the previous market leader, Wing And A Prayer, by six lengths at Cheltenham on Saturday, thus confirming the superiority he had shown when the pair last met on the flat at York.

There were various form lines which suggested Out Of The Gloom might have the edge over Wing And A Prayer, so his victory could hardly be called a surprise, but I would not care to put too much faith in it.

Paul Barton, riding Wing And A Prayer for the first time in the absence of regular partner John Francome, managed to get only one fluent jump out of the horse, who persistently got too close to his hurdles. The joy in watching this horse previously had been the way he had been able to stand off his obstacles, enabling him to pick up his stride straightaway on landing.

On Saturday his jumping was no better than a run of the mill novice, something which brings home the gulf in ability between a genius like Francome, in the saddle and an honest to goodness pro like Barton.

Jonjo O'Neill rode one of his typical never-say-die races on Out Of The Gloom, who was not well placed as he turned down the hill on the run to the second last. But by the final flight he had kicked, *cajoled and clouted his mount* to within a length of the leader and up the hill Out Of The Gloom kept finding more to score emphatically.

This was trainer Reg Hollinshead's third winner from four runners over two days and he believes Out Of The Gloom would have done even better on good ground, although the soft certainly brings the four-year-old's undoubted stamina into play.

John Jenkins was not too dismayed by the defeat of Wing And A Prayer and says this does not affect plans to go for the Schweppes, for which Ladbrokes make the colt 10-1 favourite from 8-1, a price which is beginning to approach realism.

Mark Pitman rode his first success since being injured in a car crash last month when bringing home Terryash a ten lengths winner in the Maiden Timber Novice Hurdler qualifier. Trainer Jenny Pitman hopes to run Terryash in the final of this series at Liverpool.

Mrs Pitman had news of Burrough Hill Lad, who is in "A1 condition" and will run at Sandown next Saturday in the Gainsborough Chase — a race he won last season.

Richard Dunwoody, already established as a top flight rider at the age of 21, produced another polished display when bringing West Tip through on the run-in to beat Door Latch by a length and a half in the Holsten Distributors Chase.

West Tip is confirmed by trainer Michael Oliver as an intended runner in the Seagram Grand National, for which Coral's quote him at 33-1. Staying is certainly West Tip's game, but he is likely to be some way out of the proper handicap unless Christopher Mordaunt, the man framing the weights, decides, as he *should, to give Burrough Hill* Lad a massive burden.

I have read some criticism of this, the nub of the argument being that it is unfair to overweight this horse just to give others a chance. But surely giving others a change is what handicapping is all about. Ideally, a handicapper tries to do his job so justly and accurately that all horses run a dead-heat.

Peter Scudamore took a crashing fall on Toirdealbhach in the Lechlade Handicap Chase won by Classified and missed his remaining rides on an afternoon littered by fallers. In the concluding Bibury Novice Handicap Chase only five of the 12 runners managed to get round.

This afternoon's racing at Leicester is in doubt but Plumpton may fare better, in which case Mount Harvard (2.45) looks nap material in the Albourne Handicap Chase, where his rivals are not much better than selling class.

Lester out of luck in US

Lester Piggott disappointed a large American crowd on the first day of a two-day international race at Bay Meadows, near San Francisco, on Saturday, *writes Christopher Reed.* In the first leg of the international he came third, while he was last but one in the second and ran unplaced in his other two rides of the day.

The British jockey to take the honours in the international event was Tony Ives, who won the first leg on Crest O Ruler, holding off challenges from the United States rider Tom Chapman and the Piggott-ridden favourite, Gallant Freedom.

French champion Yves Saint-Martin won the second leg of the match on Coisa Linda, with the next three places filled by United States jockeys. Piggott put up 2lb overweight here, riding at 8st 5lb. The day ended with the International team and the United States level on 28 points.

LEICESTER

● 7.30 A.M. INSPECTION

1 30 Shipwright	3 00 Last Deal
2 00 Deep Impression	3 30 Midsummer Special
2 30 Rufus T. Firefly	4 00 Malakamd

* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Soft

1 30 — SOMERBY NOVICE HURDLE: Div. I; 4-Y-O; 2m; £1,018 (11 runners).

3 1 SHIPWRIGHT (D) (Mrs J. Paton-Smith) R. Hollinshead 11-6 ...... J. J. O'Neill
6 00 ASIAN KING * (T. Crowson) G. Vergette 11-0 ...... P. Scudamore
7 0 BIG INJUN (C. Motram) B. Preece 11-0 ...... R. Strange
9 00 BURGUNDY STAR (Mrs J. Leighton) A. Leighton 11-0 ...... C. Smith
11 2P DORNVALLEY LAD (E. Bosley) J. Bosley 11-0 ...... doubtful
15 IRISH LORD (W. Gredley) M. Pipe 11-0 ...... P. Leach
17 0 MELWAY BOY (K. Bowyes) S. Bowring 11-0 ...... D. Shaw
18 0 METELSKI (B. Hamoud) G. Huffer 11-0 ...... W. Morris
19 0 NOTTA POPSI (M. Lilley) J. Spearing 11-0 ...... R. Dickin
20 0 PASTING (J. Dalton) J. Dalton 11-0 ...... P. Carr
23 STATFOLD (C. Gilman) R. Perkins 11-0 ...... R. Crank
27 0 WINNING FLUSH (M. Klaveness) M. Scudamore 11-0 ...... M. Williams
1984: Finale Sept 10-10 M. Pepper 16-1 H. Fleming 21 ran.
Betting forecast: 1-2 Shipwright, 6 Winning Flush 13-2 Irish Lord, 10 Metelski.
TOP FORM TIPS: Shipwright 9, Metelski 7.

2 0 — GOLDEN MILLER NOVICE HURDLE: 2½m; £2,719 (10 runners).

2 320-312 DEEP IMPRESSION (BF) (N. Mills) N. Gaselee 6-11-13 ...... K. Mooney
5 00-0111 ABANDONED WARRIOR (D) (Mrs M. Saville-Deane) Mrs C. Postlethwaite 5-11-9 ...... P. A. Charlton
7 101 TAWRIDGE (C) (L. A. H. Ames Ltd) A. Turnell 5-11-9 ...... Steve Knight
10 POP-F00 BARZINI (D. Upsher) E. Carter 6-11-5 ...... R. O'Leary
14 B0 DUNVEGAN CASTLE (Mrs G. Prest) G. Prest 6-11-5 ...... M. Richard
15 032 EVEN DEEPER (R. Beeson) J. Blundell 5-11-5 ...... D. Dutton
22 PINK PANTHER (Sir G. Glover) R. Hollinshead 5-11-5 ...... J. J. O'Neill
24 FF- VULRORY'S CROWN (Mrs H. Dowson) Mrs H. Dowson 7-11-5 ...... P. Nicholls
29 0 BLYTHE KNIGHT (Needhams Butchers) E. Carter 4-10-7 ...... M. Pepper
31 00321 MEZIARA (G. Chagoury) A. Ingham 4-10-7 ...... R. Arnott (4)
1984: Triple Jump 4-10-7 H. Davies 16-1 G. Thorner 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Abandoned Warrior, 9-4 Deep Impression, 100-30 Tawridge 9 Meziara, 10 Pink Panther, 14 Even Deeper.
TOP FORM TIPS: Deep Impression 10, Abandoned Warrior 7, Tawridge 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS

Nap: LAST DEAL (Leicester 3.00)

Next best: SHIPWRIGHT (Leicester 1.30)

2 30 — UPPINGHAM CHASE: 2½m; £1,177 (4 runners).

4 1241-1F RUFUS T. FIREFLY (D) (BF) (S. Astaire) N. Henderson 7-11-3 J. White
7 00-0 SLAVE LANE (R. Waley-Cohen) N. Henderson 6-11-4 ... S. Smith Eccles
8 0-43004 SHAMROCK BRIDGE (M. Clarke) R. Francis 9-11-3 ...... R. Crank
9 100-304 SMALL MONEY (D. Davies) Mrs W. Sykes 6-10-13 ...... S. Morshead
1984: (2m) Crack a Joke 5-10-7 S. Morshead 10-1 Mrs M. Rimell 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 4-6 Rufus T Firefly, 4 Shamrock Bridge, 5 Small Money, 6 Slave Lane.
TOP FORM TIPS: Rufus T. Firefly 9, Shamrock Bridge 7.

3 0 — TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE: 3m; £2,729 (8 runners).

3 OPP GREY WARBLER (L. Robinson) S. Mellor 11-11-11 ...... M. Perrett
4 11-111 LAST DEAL (D) (C. Murphy) Mrs M. Dickson 7-11-7 ...... R. Earnshaw
9 200-021 MR SNUGFIT (C/D) (A. Greenwood) M. W. Easterby 8-10-6 ...... P. Tuck
13 3F-11F1 MASTER TERCEL (D) (T. Baines) J. Spearing 9-10-2 ...... S. Morshead
17 1032F0 ARTIMARVAL (D) (R. Beeson) J. Blundell 12-10-0 ...... D. Dutton
20 3P-0002 MOOR CLOSE (C/D) (G. Chatterton) P. Felgate 11-10-0 ...... J. J. O'Neill
21 F04P0-3 VULRORY'S PIE (Mrs H. Dowson) Mrs H. Dowson 8-10-0 ...... P. Nicholls
22 P-3400P BAULKING BYWAY (Miss R. Harper) Miss R. Harper 10-10-0 Miss R. Harper
1984: Fred Pilliner 7-11-4 P. Scudamore 2-1 fav M. Scudamore 5 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Last Deal, 3 Mr Snugfit, 100-30 Master Tercel, 8 Artimarval, 12 Grey Warbler, 14 Moor Close.
TOP FORM TIPS: Last Deal 8, Mr Snugfit 7, Master Tercel 6.

3 30 — THURNBY NOVICE CHASE: 2m; £1,111 (13 runners).

1 0131-F1 MIDSUMMER SPECIAL (C) (L. Palmer) Mrs M. Dickinson 7-11-11 ...... Mr R. Beggan
3 0022-22 ABU TORKEY (J. Blundell) J. Blundell 8-11-3 ...... D. Dutton
6 213/002 BATTEN (S. Cook) B. Palling 9-11-3 ...... A. Griffiths
7 040-PFP BLACKBROOK STAR * (D. Gallagher) P. Bevan 7-11-3 ......
9 22323-F CAWKER DYKE (R. Arnold) J. Blundell 9-11-3 ...... P. Tuck
13 0001/0- GRATEFUL HEIR (Mrs J. O'Brien) Mrs M. Dickinson 6-11-3 ... D. Browne
16 P KELLY'S HONOR (R. Belasco) J. Webber 6-11-3 ...... G. Marnagh
17 040-233 LOCHRUN (Smith Mansfield Meat Co. Ltd.) Mrs J. Pitman 6-11-3 M. Perrett
18 004100 NARSINH (B. Bates) L. Lightbrown 6-11-3 ...... K. Sims (7)
19 0002-03 RUBERCOLA (Mrs J. Fraser) M. Scudamore 8-11-3 ...... P. Scudamore
21 P2/2P0- THE CLIFTONIAN (Mrs N. Parish) P. Butler 7-11-3 ...... G. Williams (7)
22 U00F04 VICTOR DUB * (P. Cartridge) M. Castell 7-11-3 ...... M. Castell
23 00-P0U1 HARBOUR BAZAAR (D) (C. Hague) M. Chapman 5-11-1 ...... J. Barlow
1984: Green Bramble 7-11-12 H. Davies 11-10 fav N. Henderson 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Midsummer Special, 100-30 Lochrun, 4 Abu Torkey, 6 Batten, 8 Rubercola, 10 Harbour Bazaar, 14 Kelly's Honor.
TOP FORM TIPS: Midsummer Special 8, Abu Torkey 7, Lochrun 6.

4 0 — SOMERBY NOVICE HURDLE: Div. II; 4-Y-O; 2m; £1,066 (20 runners).

1 01 BUCKMINSTER BOY (D) (W. Wharton) W. Wharton 11-6 ...... N. Fearn (7)
3 031F3 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE (D) (P. Caselli) G. Moore 11-6 ...... D. Dutton
5 F031 VALIANT DANCER * (B. Taylor) Peter Taylor 11-1 ...... R. Lawson (7)
6 4P ALCINOUS (P. Coates) B. Preece 11-0 ...... R. Strange
12 0P GURUVAYOOR (J. Dale) J. S. King 11-0 ...... S. Smith Eccles
13 000 HADDAK (C. Lakin) B. Palling 11-0 ...... C. Evans (7)
14 4 HIERONYMOUS (W. Gredley) M. C. Pipe 11-0 ...... P. Leach
17 020 MALAKAMD (L. A. H. Ames Ltd) A. Turnell 11-0 ...... Steve Knight
19 0 MISK (Mrs F. Robinson) W. Clay 11-0 ...... S. O'Neill
22 PEARL RUN (R. Squires) G. Price 11-0 ...... R. Crank
23 PFPP POETIC JUSTICE (Communidata Ltd) M. Chapman 11-0 ...... J. Barlow
26 00P STOCKSIGN (Mrs M. Bevan) Mrs M. Bevan 11-0 ...... C. Smith
29 BAILGATE EXPRESS (B. Clarke) G. Morgan 10-9 ...... S. Johnson
30 CELTIC DIPPER (A. Leighton) A. Leighton 10-9 ...... J. J. O'Neill
31 00 COUPON CLIPPER (Odbares Racing Circle Ltd) S. Mellor 10-9 ...... M. Perrett
32 P0 COUTURE LEG AFFAIR (Couture Marketing Ltd) R. Woodhouse 10-9 ......
33 DORAME (M. Lewendon) G. Gaines 10-9 ...... P. Tuck
35 04 HUMBERSIDE LADY (Humberside Enterprises Ltd) G. Huffer 10-9 R. O'Leary
36 00 SHAKIRA GROVE (M. Lilley) J. Spearing 10-9 ...... R. Dickin
37 P TITILLO (A. Steven) D. Ancil 10-9 ...... E. Waite
1984: Sacred Path 11-0 S. Morshead 14-1 J. Bethell 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Humberside Lady, 100-30 Newmarket Sausage, 5 Hieronymous, 6 Malakamd, 8 Coupon Clipper, 10 Buckminster Boy.
TOP FORM TIPS: Humberside Lady 8, Buckminster Boy 7, Valiant Dancer 6.

SOCCER: FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP-TIES

Patrick Barclay
York 1, Arsenal 0

Bottle wins rattle battle

THIS WAS hardly the Cup tie that had everything. Until the 90th minute, in fact, there was little at Bootham Crescent but the nostalgic whirr of a rattle somewhere in a frozen crowd, to conjure memories of York's historic victory over Tottenham in 1955.

Then Keith Houchen rolled home his penalty — and all hell broke loose. The rattle did overtime. So did the players, who tottered excitedly through five minutes stoppage time. Finally the whistle went, leaving Houchen and his mates to swig champagne while their manager, Denis Smith, unfolded stories behind the Third Division club's success.

Everyone wanted to know about Houchen, who cost most of the £19,000 it took to assemble this team, and Smith did not disappoint them. It was the tall, John Wark-style swooper-from-midfield's 15th goal of the season, but his first penalty since missing one in the Fourth Division last year. He was re-appointed recently after a colleague, MacPhail, had failed.

Some people, observing the manner of his approach, thought Houchen might fluff York's big chance. "Go on lad," yelled Smith from the bench. "Show your bottle!" Houchen strode forward and, as Lukic dived to his right, trundled the ball into the other corner, calmly as you please.

Bottle has become a speciality at York since the battle-scarred Smith arrived from Stoke, much of it in the considerable frame of their centre-forward Walwyn, who played his usual mighty part on Saturday despite having missed training for a fortnight due to Achilles tendon trouble.

"Don't bother to come in for a fitness test" Smith had told him on Friday. "You are playing."

They all played it straight and simple on the hard pitch. The veterans Haslegrave and Sbragia were prominent among the heroes using their experience, though it was impressive to note that character oozed equally from such youngsters as Astbury, in goal, and the persistent Butler, whose cross led to the penalty. This, of course, came when Arsenal thought they had done another Hereford and seemed already to be savouring the prospect of a seven-goal stroll in the replay at Highbury.

To an extent Arsenal in particular the deeply disappointing Williams, wrought their own misfortune, they did not take things seriously enough. When Williams, belatedly recognising the threat of Houchen's runs, began wrestling with him, the York player realised he had only to get into the penalty area to present the referee with a reasonable appeal, which was duly given.

There is little else to be said of Arsenal, except that the excellent Anderson did not deserve to be on a losing side. As TV showed, he was even covering Houchen's run when Williams brought him down. The rest of a £4½ million side played their parts to varying degrees, in the continued slow death of a season. As for Nicholas, his replacement by Allinson came 79 minutes too late.

SCORERS.—York: Houchen pen. (90 min). York City: Astbury; Senior, Hay, Sbragia, MacPhail, Haslegrave, Ford, Butler, Walwyn, Houchen, Pearce.
Arsenal: Lukic; Anderson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Caton, Robson, Williams, Marwar, Woodcock, Nicholas (Allinson, 79 min).
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach).

● CORAL'S FA CUP ODDS — 4–1 Liverpool and Manchester Utd, 6–1 Everton, 8 Southampton and Sheffield Wed, 12 Watford, 14 Chelsea and Notts Forest.

Archibald on target

Steve Archibald scored twice to help Barcelona maintain their nine-point lead in Spain by beating Real Betis 4-0 yesterday. The former Spurs striker is now the Spanish League's top scorer with 12 goals.

SPANISH LEAGUE. — Atletico Madrid 3, Malaga 0; Hercules Alicante 0, Real Sociedad 0; Valladolid 1, Espanol 1; Santander 0, Real Madrid 0; Athletic Bilbao 0, Zaragoza 3; Gijon 1, Osasuna Pamplona 1; Sevilla 1, Elche 1; Barcelona 4, Betis 0; Valencia 1, Murcia 1. Leading positions (22 games): 1, Barcelona 36 pts; 2, A. Madrid 27; 3, R. Madrid 26.

● Norwich will again be without their suspended leading scorer John Deehan when they play their FA Cup third round third replay with Birmingham at Carrow Road tonight. Both sides are likely to be unchanged as they try to resolve a tie that has lasted 5½ hours.

● Rangers, who played Saturday's Scottish Cup tie at Morton under protest because of the frost-bound pitch, will decide on Wednesday whether to lodge an official protest. Morton earned a 3-3 draw after twice being two goals behind.

● West Ham's captain Alvin Martin will have an X-ray examination today on the suspected broken nose he suffered during Saturday's 2-1 friendly win at Crystal Palace.

David Lacey—Liverpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0

Rush performs ritual execution

THE SPEED and unfailing opportunism of Ian Rush ended the other half of North London's FA Cup ambitions yesterday afternoon when Liverpool defeated Tottenham in an invigorating and often highly exciting fourth-round tie at Anfield. *As a bitter wind swept in* from the Wirral, Liverpool emerged from one of the season's hardest fought encounters with their Cup chances several degrees warmer.

The day before, on a frozen surface at York, Arsenal had gone out to the last throw of the sort of lottery which is the FA Cup's stock in trade. Yesterday, with Anfield's under-soil heating producing excellent playing conditions after a morning of snow, Spurs lost because while they lacked nothing in determination they were not allowed to create meaningful chances once Liverpool had taken the lead.

Normally the FA Cup is not Liverpool's strongest point. They have won the trophy only twice and have been knocked out by Brighton in each of the last two seasons. At least Barnsley have made sure that they do not face a similar threat from the South Coast this time.

Liverpool showed many of the qualities required for success in sudden-death competitions. After going ahead they usually seemed likely to hold their lead because while the opposition had plenty of *possession they were denied* the space and time they needed to find threatening positions.

In this respect, while Rush ws the match-winner, Nicol and Whelan performed equally important tasks for Liverpool because it was they who stopped Spurs making the most of the talents of Galvin and Chiedozie. Both wingers had moments when they looked as if they were about to turn the game, but their threat was sporadic.

When Tottenham did manage to produce crossed of any quality they found that Hansen's excellence, will complemented in the absence of Lawrenson by Gillespie, consistently disrupted communiations between Falco and Crooks.

Thus Liverpool's ability to contain their opponents and stop them achieving their better rhythms was as crucial to the result as the series of impressive first-time attacking movements which looked like ending the match as a contest before the interval.

When Nicol, Whelan, Wark, Dalglish and Rush were passing their way precisely through Tottenham's defence it was impossible to believe that even now Liverpool did not nurture lingering hopes of retaining the championship. Ot the leading sides in the First Division only Everton have consistently sh own such sound teamwork in attack.

But for all their confidence and audacity Liverpool did not achieve a commensurate number of shots or headers to worry Clemence. Either the move fell down before a scoring attempt was made — and Dalglish more than once spoilt his chances by delaying his shot for a second or two — or else Liverpool wandered naively into Spurs' offside trap. Nevertheless their goal, after 19 minutes, was worthy of the occasion and an example of Rush at his best.

First he intercepted a weak goal kick from Clemence 30 yards out and headed the ball forward. Miller tried in vain to clear it and as Roberts and Nicol converged, Rush, showing remarkable speed of anticipation even by his standards, followed up to whisk the ball past Roberts on the outside. Clemence spotted the danger and came rushing off his line but the Welshman calmly clipped the ball passed him from a narrow angle, and Perryman's desperate slide back into the goalmouth came just too late to keep the ball out. It was Rush's 13th goal in his 19 outings this season.

"The goal was our own fault," said Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager. "We lost possession near our own penalty area and paid for it." True enough, *but it is* hard to think of any player who could have taken the chance with such alacrity as Rush.

As is well known by now Tottenham have not won at Anfield since 1912, and there were times yesterday when they could have been forgiven for believing that they were being forced to re-enact a well-worn ritual. In the 10th minute Perryman, running on to Hoddle's return pass, was hundled over from behind by Whelan but with Tottenham clamouring for a penalty, the referee waved play on.

Just before half-time Hoddle was forced out of the game after a blow to the kidneys and while his replacement, Mabbutt gave the midfield more urgency, it had obviously lost much inspiration. Spurs finished the game with Miller playing at centre-forward having damaged a hamstring in a desperate tackle on Wark which could put the centre-back out for three weeks. Even so they worried Liverpool with thoughts of a replay at White Hart Lane, where they have already beaten them twice this season, right to the end.

Liverpool thought they had made the match safe when Dalglish raced on to a long ball from Neal and beat Clemence, but the goal was disallowed for a push on Stevens.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar; Neal, Kennedy, Gillespie, Nicol, Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, MacDonald, Wark.
Tottenham Hotspur: Clemence; Stevens, Hughton, Roberts, Miller, Perryman, Chiedozie, Falco, Galvin, Hoddle (Mabbutt, 44 min), Crooks.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield).

● Ian Rush said afterwards: "I thought Ray Clemence might beat me to the ball, but he's getting on a bit now."



LIGHTNING STRIKE . . . Rush steers the winner past Clemence



NO TEETH AND SMILES . . . Jordan (right) and Wright congratulate Moran after Southampton's second goal.
Picture by Tommy Hindley

Robert Armstrong—Orient 0, Southampton 2

Fang gang have Wembley taste

IF ANY striker deserves to be called mean, moody and magnificent, it is surely Joe Jordan whose fanged teeth once adorned advertising hoardings all over the country. *The man who has performed* with distinction for Scotland, Manchester United, Leeds and a couple of top Italian clubs is now determined to lead Southampton back to Wembley where they won the FA Cup in 1976.

At 33 many strikers have long ceased dreaming of fresh honours. Not so Jordan, whose courage and concentration are precisely the *qualities needed to survive* in knockout competition. Last season Southampton were ditched in the semi-finals by a late goal from Everton and the memory of that bitter defeat clearly acts as a powerful spur this season. Jordan, who arrived at The Dell last August, is the catalyst of their ambition.

Frank Clark, manager of gallant Orient, believes that Southampton are "equipped *to go all the way." On a day* when the Third Division was upsetting the elite elsewhere Lawrie McMenemys disciplined team proved that talented players, an outstanding away record, and the whiff of success were altogether too great an obstacle for the romantics from the East End.

Orient's most realistic chance of repeating their unexpected triumph over West Bromwich depended on their establishing a dominant rhythm and scoring the first goal. But Clark persisted with an unusually cautious sweeper system which inhibited the skills of his playmaker Silkman and failed to prevent Southampton take a two-goal lead well before the hour.

Perhaps Orient would have achieved more penetration had their third-round match-winner Richard Cadette not been absent with a leg injury. Even so, both the front-runners Jones and Godfrey displayed enough wit and industry to hint at greater reward if they had received a fluent service. In the event Shilton was barely troubled

In any case McMemeney's decision to use two wingers, *Wallace and* Lawrence, paid dividends, keeping Orient pegged back on the flanks and offering the Saints extra options in attack. Lawrence, who according to his manager had "been burning a hole in the bench" since being re-signed from Oxford, proved that the winger's craft remains a potent weapon.

As Clark admitted "we matched Southampton in most aspects but they showed us what First Division finishing is all about."

A long throw in from the right by Lawrence found Curtis whose clever flick at the near post was headed home with awesome power by Jordan shortly before half-time. Another header by Moran from a free-kick on the left by Armstrong a few minutes after the interval always looked sufficient to seal Orient's fate.

SCORERS. — Southampton: Jordan (40 min) Morgan (50).
Orient: Wilmot; Hales, Castle, Cunningham, Foster, Silkman, Godfrey, Sayer (Harvey, 75min), Jones, Donnellan, Banfield.
Southampton: Shilton; Mills, Dennis, Curtis, Wright, Bond, Lawrence, Moran, Jordan, Armstrong, Wallace.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxon).

David Lacey—Manchester U 2, Coventry C 1

Pears keeps Atkinson sweet

After their recent vapid performances in the First Division, Manchester United were entitled to be pleased with the energetic 2-1 victory against Coventry City at Old Trafford on Saturday that put them in the fifth round of the FA Cup. For the most part however the game was a scrambling, inelegant *affair the main interest* of which lay in the strength of Coventry's recovery after they had conceded two goals in the first half-hour.

By all accounts they played better in the second half than they had done at any time on their previous visit to United a fortnight earlier, when a goal from Gibson had brought them victory. On Saturday, Gibson scored again but only after seeing a penalty saved by Manchester United's reserve goalkeeper.

Indeed Pears, playing because Bailey had dislocated a finger, took much of the credit for United avoiding a replay or worse. Having hurled himself hard left to push wide Gibson's penalty, awarded for hands against Moran late in the first half, he flung himself, Grobbelaar-like, towards the top right-hand angle to stop a thunderbolt of a free-kick from Kilcline 20 minutes from the end.

After Hughes had headed in cleanly from Moses's cross and Paul McGrath sent a low drive inside the left-hand post United seemed to have got Coventry out of their system. However, they looked vulnerable once Gynn and Adams started to augment the scoring potential of Gibson and Regis with pace and tenacity on the wings. In fact it was a run by Regis wide on the right which gave Gibson the chance to slide the ball past Pears just before half-time.

With Whiteside looking sluggish the United attack laboured during the second half and lost Hughes towards the finish with a gashed ankle. "Sometimes we try to be too tidy," said Ron Atkinson, the Manchester United manager afterwards, "but there are days when sheer drive is best."

No-one could argue with that but Coventry went away feeling that they had done enough *to earn a draw.*

SCORERS.—Manchester Utd: Hughes (20 min), P. McGrath (26). Coventry: Gibson (41).
Manchester United: Pears; Gidman, Albiston, Moses, Moran, Hogg, P. McGrath, Strachan, Whiteside, Hughes (Brazil, 86 min), Olsen.
Coventry City: Ogrizovic; Stephens, Pearce, Hibbitt, Kilcline, Peake, L. McGrath, Gynn (Latchford, 82 min), Regis, Gibson, Adams.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland).

Stephen Bierley
Grimsby 1, Watford 3

Taylor adjusts his set

A puzzled Grimsby Town supporter, seeing several big names missing from the Watford line-up, asked before the kick off who was playing. Graham Taylor, Watford's manager, would have answered *him at half time: About half.*

Both sides had lost Milk Cup quarter-finals within the last 10 days and Watford seemed to be suffering most. Without England's Barnes they looked mundane and Foley's 15th minute goal gave the Mariners buoyant hearts.

During the break the man from the hospital radio was asked to check his plugs. The patients had missed the first 45 minutes. *Taylor must have* had the same feelings about his players. Elton John, in grey hat and grey fur coat, had a face to match. After the interval, Grimsby suddenly had a match to face.

Taylor, who spent nearly all of his playing career guarding the left flank at Blundell Park, sent in the wide boys. Seagraves and Agnew found themselves bypassed and uncomfortably *exposed. Within a* minute Blissett equalised from point blank range — he doesn't miss those: well, not this Saturday.

Grimsby, attacking their favourite Pontoon End, tried desperately to stick but Watford twisted. Sterling left Seagraves for dead, Blissett provided the perfect cross, and Gilligan resurrected Watford's Cup hopes. Blissett's second, *and his 18th of the season,* made entry into today's velvet bag a certainty.

Bonnyman, Moore, Wilkinson and Lund all created chances, but the ball would not run. David Booth, Grimsby's manager, now has two months to persuade the talented Wilkinson — 31 goals in less than two seasons — to sign a new contract. Lund, his England Under-21 partner, is still tied. "I think Wilkinson would be better gaining a bit more experience with us, but everybody wants everything so fast nowadays."

Grimsby want First Division football, but boardroom feuds continue to bedevil them. It may still take some time. Elton John wants his side back at Wembley — this time with more than tears for souvenirs.

SCORERS. — Grimsby: Foley (15min). Watford: Blissett (4b, 64), Gilligan (54).
Grimsby Town: Grotier; Seagraves (Cunmiao, 55min), Agnew, Foley, Gremble, Moore, Ford, Wilkinson, Lund, Bonnyman, Emson.
Watford: Coton; Sinnott, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, Gillison, Jackett, Sterling.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham).

● Page 21: Ian Botham's soccer debut for Yeovil.

Charles Burgess—Everton 2, Doncaster Rovers 0

Bremner looks on bright side

Doncaster Rovers of the Third Division did everything right tactically against the First Division leaders and FA Cup holders at Goodison Park on Saturday, but in the end the better players won. There was no shame in that and 7,000 Rovers supporters gave them as big a cheer at the end as they had in the beginning and throughout. Even the referee added his applause.

The Rovers manager Billy Bremner is no stranger to specific soccer plans and his scheme of man-to-man marking the Everton front-runners with his Under-21 midfield player Ian Snodin acting as sweeper against the First Division's leading scorers was sensible containment. It was only unfortunate that with their leading creator playing so far back and their midfield working hard to prevent Bracewell, Steven and Reid having time on the ball, there was not a lot they could do in attack. And Everton's speedy defence gave little away.

Still, as Bremner said afterwards, Rovers' defeat was not that bad when you considered that the likes of Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Newcastle had been slaughtered *there this season.*

Rovers did show how to prevent Everton playing for much of the game, and only on a few occasions did the home side get into gear. However, the fact that both goals came from neatly worked set-pieces showed that Everton were still thinking amid some hard tackling and the precision of the execution showed why one team was in the First Division and the other in the Third.

Rovers were holding their own until the 19th minute when Van den Hauwe took a long throw-in on the left. Sharp headed it off with a flick and Steven, moving forward, headed the ball just beyond Peacock's grasp and just inside the far post.

A crop of four bookings in six minutes (Harle, Lister, Butterworth and Van den Hauwe) led to thoughts that perhaps the game might get out of hand but Everton's second goal in the 34th minute put paid to that.

SCORERS. — Everton: Steven (19min), Stevens (33).
Everton: Southall; Stevens, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Gray, Sharp, Bracewell, Sheedy.
Doncaster Rovers: Peacock; Russell, Lister, I. Snodin, Dobbin, Humphries, Buckley, Butterworth, Douglas, Harle, G. Snodin.
Referee: P. Willis (Co. Durham).

Jeremy Alexander—Luton 2, Huddersfield 0

Laws disorder lets Luton take verdict

Good drama keeps its crux to the last minute. Luton got theirs out of the way in the 35th. As Laws, sent off for his second foul in two minutes, disappeared at one end of the field, Donaghy, at the other, met the free-kick and headed Luton into the last 16 of the Cup. Huddersfield, from holding their own, were a goal and a man down.

In terms of punishment fitting crime it was overkill. The first offence was bad, a foul-and-a-half almost, but the second was mainly ill-timed. Then, after the lonely trudge to a trickle of boos, Laws suffered the parting earshot of jubilation.

It could have been worse — a torrent of abuse, a thunderclap of applause — but Luton do not run to such sound-effects at present. Two years ago they pulled an average of nearly 13,500 for League matches. On Saturday, against a rising force of the Second Division in the fourth round of *the Cup, they just cleared* 8,000. Surely the missing thousands do not wait at Milton Keynes?

Luton are suffering the reaction to narrowly failing to achieve consistency and credibility in the highest ranks. Their style remains, without the belief. They still like the ball on the ground, except when looking for Harford's head, but good men have gone, especially Walsh, and Hill is a thought ahead of the rest. Foster, not quite the sabre-rattling figure of Brighton's Cup days, is an important presence in defence.

Huddersfield are cast in the Lutonian *image,* a compliment which is serving them well in the lower division. Five years ago they were in the Fourth. Mick Buxton has brought them unobtrusively forward with neat ideas. They were not dirty, though the referee's book will suggest it.

They nearly caught Luton cold. Then again, before the goal, Cooper hit a post. After it Pugh, who had made the chance, became a splendid full-back, leaving Doyle and Wilson alone to meet Luton in midfield. But the game was up — a case of poor Laws and rough justice.

SCORERS.—Luton: Donaghy (34 min), Stein (57).
Luton Town: Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Daniel, Parker (Newjohn, 76 min).
Huddersfield Town: Cox; Laws, Burke, Doyle, Stead, Allardyce, Litt, Cooper (Winter, 72 min), Pugh, Wilson, Cowling.
Referee: T. A. N. Bates (Harrow).

● Luton expect to sign the Crystal Palace and Wales midfield player Peter Nicholas for £125,000 today.

Richard Jago in Tokyo

Larsen single-minded

BADMINTON

Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, produced an impressive challenge to the Chinese in the closing stages of the third Pro-Kennex world grand prix tournament in Tokyo at the weekend. Having beaten Li Lingwei, the world champion, 11-7, 11-8 in the semi-final, she lost only narrowly, 7-11, 11-7, 8-11, in yesterday's final to Wu Jianqui.

Larsen's success, in a peculiar way, gives food for thought to Helen Troke, Britain's European champion. Troke beat Larsen to win last week's grand prix event in Taipeh but lost in straight games to Wu in Thursday's quarter-final, appearing jaded after a hard programme of singles and doubles.

In contrast Larsen, 6ft 1in tall with a heart to match her size, seemed as fit and fresh as any player in the event. She has not only given up part-time work but left doubles to concentrate on singles. The decision is apparently paying dividends. Troke, though, is likely to be needed to play doubles in the World Championship.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND. — Barnsley 2, Brighton 1; Darlington v. Telford postponed (playing tomorrow); Everton 2, Doncaster 0; Grimsby 1, Watford 3; Ipswich 3, Gillingham 2; Leicester 1, Carlisle 0; Luton 2, Huddersfield 0; Manchester Utd 2, Coventry 1; Notts Forest 0, Wimbledon 0; Orient 0, Southampton 2; Sheffield Wed 5, Oldham 1; York C 1, Arsenal 0. Third Round, Second Replay: Birmingham 1, Norwich 1 (aet). Third Round Replay: Blackburn 2, Portsmouth 1; Wigan 0, Chelsea 5.

YESTERDAY

FA CUP — FOURTH ROUND

Liverpool (1) 1		Tottenham (0) 0
Rush		(27,905)

FA Cup dates

TONIGHT.—Third Round, third replay: Norwich v. Birmingham.
TOMORROW.—Fourth Round: Darlington v. Telford.
WEDNESDAY.—Fourth Round: Oxford v. Blackburn. Fourth Round replays: Wimbledon v. Nottingham Forest (7.45).
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.—Fourth Round: Chelsea v. Millwall.

CANON LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION. — WBA 0, QPR 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	24	15	4	5	53	29	49
Tottenham	24	15	3	6	49	25	47
Manchester Utd	24	12	5	7	45	30	41
Sheffield Wed	24	11	8	5	39	24	41
Arsenal	24	12	4	8	44	31	40
Liverpool	24	10	8	6	33	22	38
Southampton	24	10	7	7	28	28	37
Chelsea	24	9	9	6	40	32	36
Notts Forest	23	11	3	9	35	24	36
Norwich	25	10	6	9	31	34	36
WBA	25	10	5	10	37	35	35
Aston Villa	24	8	7	9	34	38	31
West Ham	23	8	7	8	30	34	31
QPR	25	7	10	8	32	38	31
Watford	24	7	9	8	45	45	30
Leicester	25	7	7	11	29	35	28
Newcastle	24	7	7	10	37	48	28
Sunderland	23	7	5	11	29	35	26
Coventry	25	7	5	14	26	45	26
Ipswich	23	5	7	11	21	33	22
Luton	23	5	6	12	27	43	21
Stoke	24	2	6	16	17	52	12

SECOND DIVISION. — Shrewsbury 3, Fulham 1; Notts Co 0, Charlton 0; Sheff Utd 2, Wolves 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	24	14	6	4	47	23	48
Oxford	24	14	4	6	51	18	46
Manchester City	25	13	7	5	40	28	46
Birmingham	23	14	4	5	33	21	46
Portsmouth	24	11	9	4	38	22	42
Leeds Utd	24	12	4	8	45	29	40
Grimsby	24	11	4	9	47	40	37
Huddersfield	24	11	4	9	33	35	37
Barnsley	23	9	9	4	35	15	36
Brighton	23	10	6	7	31	17	36
Fulham	24	11	3	10	43	44	36
Shrewsbury	24	9	8	7	43	36	35
Wimbledon	24	9	4	11	42	51	31
Carlisle	23	8	4	11	24	34	28
Sheffield Utd	25	5	10	10	27	42	25
Oldham	24	7	4	13	25	43	25
Charlton	24	6	6	12	31	37	24
Middlesbrough	24	6	6	12	28	38	24
Crystal Palace	22	5	8	9	27	34	23
Wolves	25	6	5	14	30	51	23
Notts County	25	4	5	16	21	49	17
Cardiff	23	3	4	16	25	51	13

SCOTTISH FA CUP. — Third Round: Ayr 3, Keith 1; Brechin 1, East Fife 1; Morton 3, Rangers 3; Raith Rovers 2, Clyde 2. All other ties postponed.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION. — Queens Park 1, Stenhousemuir 0; Stirmrarer 0, Montrose 3; Arbroath 0, Alloa 0.

WELSH FA CUP. — Fourth Round: Caerleon 0, Bangor C 0; Towyn 3, Lex XI 0.

Pools Panel — Verdict

ASSESSED RESULTS.—Burnley v. Derby, score draw; Preston v. Hull, no score draw; Rochdale v. Hartlepool, away; Frickley v. Maidstone, home, Gateshead v. Wealdstone, away; Bangor v. Worksop, void; Gainsboro v. Burton, home; Aberdeen v. Alloa, home; Airdrie v. Falkirk, score draw; Cowdenbeath v. St Mirren, away; Dundee Utd v. Hibs, home; Forfar v. Clydebank, score draw; Hamilton v. Celtic, away; Meadowbank v. Partick, home; Motherwell v. Dumbarton, home; St Johnstone v. Dundee, away; Dooferrnline v. E Stirling, home.

THIRD DIVISION. — Bolton 2, Rotherham 0; Bournemouth 1, Plymouth 0; Bradford C 1, Swansea 1; Brentford 2, Newport 5; Bristol C 3, Cambridge U 0; Millwall 0, Walsall 0; Reading 3, Bristol R 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford C	25	16	5	4	40	20	53
Hull City	24	12	9	3	39	23	45
Gillingham	24	14	3	7	45	38	45
Rotherham	25	13	5	7	36	24	44
Bristol R	24	12	6	6	40	29	42
Millwall	23	11	7	5	39	27	40
Bristol City	24	11	6	7	39	30	39
Bournemouth	26	11	6	9	27	20	39
Derby County	24	11	5	8	38	31	38
Swindon	25	11	5	9	38	38	38
York City	24	11	4	9	43	34	37
Wigan Ath	25	9	9	7	30	27	36
Doncaster	24	10	4	10	40	37	34
Walsall	23	8	8	6	28	25	32
Newport	25	8	8	9	32	33	32
Brentford	25	8	7	10	30	37	31
Bolton W	25	8	7	10	30	35	30
Lincoln C	23	6	8	9	28	28	26
Plymouth Argyle	24	6	7	11	26	45	25
Burnley	23	5	7	11	30	40	22
Preston	24	6	4	14	30	57	22
Orient	24	6	3	15	28	44	21
Swansea	25	5	4	16	27	50	19
Cambridge Utd	24	3	4	17	20	46	13

FRIENDLY MATCHES. — C Palace 1, West Ham 2; Hibs 6, Celtic 3.

GOLA LEAGUE.—Barnet 1, Scarborough 2; Boston Utd 2, Kidderminster 3; Dartford 1, Bath 3; Enfield 5, Kettering 3; Nuneaton 2, Dagenham 2; Weymouth 2, Altrincham 1; Yeovil 0, Northwich Vic 1.

SEPWEWARN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Billericay 3, Hayes 1; Bishop's Stortford 1, Epsom 1; Hendon 0, Leytonstone and Ilford 0; Sutton Utd 4, Barking 0; Walthamstowe Ave 1, Hitchin 0; Windsor 2, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Wokingham 3, Slough 2; Worthing 2, Wycombe Wdrs 1; Croydon 2, Bognor 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE.— Goole 3, Oswestry 0; Grantham 3, Buxton 0; Matlock 1, Stafford 2; Rhyl 0, Warkington 1. NPL Cup, Second Round: Worksop 2, Macclesfield 1.

FOURTH DIVISION. — Chester 5, Southend 1; Chesterfield 1, Scunthorpe 0; Colchester 1, Bury 0; Crewe 1, Mansfield 1; Exeter 3, Aldershot 0; Peterborough 2, Wrexham 1; Port Vale 2, Torquay 2; Swindon 2, Tranmere 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	25	15	5	5	42	23	50
Chesterfield	25	14	8	3	42	24	50
Hereford	24	14	6	4	38	17	48
Blackpool	25	14	6	5	41	24	48
Darlington	22	12	8	2	31	15	44
Peterborough	26	13	5	8	37	31	44
Colchester	24	11	7	6	46	39	40
Tranmere	25	13	1	11	46	39	40
Swindon	24	10	5	9	34	34	35
Hartlepool	24	9	7	8	30	30	34
Crewe	25	10	5	10	34	37	35
Mansfield	23	8	8	7	19	15	32
Port Vale	25	8	8	9	34	34	32
Scunthorpe	23	7	7	8	33	30	28
Southend	25	7	7	11	26	52	28
Aldershot	24	7	5	12	31	38	26
Blackpool	22	7	5	10	29	37	26
Northampton	25	7	5	13	33	45	26
Exeter City	24	5	8	11	30	43	23
Halifax	22	7	2	13	20	35	23
Rochdale	22	5	7	10	21	31	22
Chester	23	5	6	12	26	37	21
Torquay	25	4	8	13	24	41	20
Wrexham	23	5	3	15	36	43	18

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Chelmsford 0, Cheltenham 2; Fareham 2, Willenhall 2; Folkestone 4, Crawley 4; Hastings 0, Alvechurch 4; RS Southampton 2, Kings Lynn 2; Trowbridge 5, Corby 1; Witney 1, Bedworth 1. Midland Division: Aylesbury 5, Sutton Coldfield 1; Bromsgrove 2, Stourbridge 2; Dudley 2, Bridgnorth 1; Forest Green 0, Wellingboro 0; Redditch 2, Merthy Tydfil 2; Moor Gn 2, Leicester Utd 1; Redditch 1, Rusden 1. Southern Division: Andover 2, Poole 0; Basingstoke 2, Gosport 0; Cambridge C 0, Ashford 4; Canterbury 1, Addlestone 3; Dorchester 1, Tonbridge 2; Dover 1, Thanet 0; Dunstable 0, Watertonville 2; Hillingdon 2, Salisbury 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Watford 3, West Ham 4; Arsenal 0, Chelsea 2.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Ballymena 0, Linfield 3; Bangor 1, Glenavon 3; Crusaders 3, Cliftonville 2; Larne 0, Distillery 0; Newry 3, Carrick 0.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Chippenham 0 Bideford 1; Dawlish 0, Clevedon 0; Devizes 1, Minehead 1; Frome 1, Shepton Mallet 1; Melksham 2, Clandown 1; Plymouth 2, Chard 2; Taunton 3, Paulton R 3; Weston-s-Mare 1, Saltash 1.

DRYBROUGH'S NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Billingham 1, Whitby 2; Hordon 0, South Bank 2; Ryhope 2, Blyth S 2; Spennymoor 7, Consett 1. Durham Challenge Cup. Third Round: Bishop Auckland 6, Peterlee 1.

FA VASE. — Fourth Round: Chester le Street 2, Bedlington T 1; Ford Mtrs (Liverpool) 0, Blue Star 3; Irthlingboro Diamonds 2, Hucknall 3; Wythenshawe Amtrs 6, Ruskall Olympic 0; Halesowen 3, Louth 1; Bury Te 3, Eastbourne Utd 1 (aet); Collier Row 2, Berkhamsted 0; Wisbech 2, Tunbridge Wells 0; Stenyning 2, Flechley 1; O Georgians 2, Torrington 4; Bristol Manor Farm 1, Exmouth 2. Third Round Replay: Sudbury 1, VS Rugby 0 (aet).

FA YOUTH CUP. — Third Round: Norwich 2, QPR 2.

NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Bootle 1, Penrith 0; Eastwood Hanley 1, Formby 1; Lancaster 5, Accrington Stanley 2; Radcliffe 4, Prescot Cables 3; St Helens 1, Congleton 1; Fleetwood 4, Netherfield 1.

INTER-CITY TOURNAMENT (Kuala Lumpur). — Grasshoppers Zurich 1, Swansea City 1 (Hughes).

WOMEN'S FA CUP.—Fourth Round: Norwich 1, Crewe 1 (Norwich won on sudden-death penalties); Northampton 7 & C 4, Hemel Hempstead 3; Doncaster Belles 5, C & C South Wick 2; Southampton 0, Fulham 3; Broadoak 9, Droitwich 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE. — Atlanta 1, Juventus 0; Avellino 0, Inter Milan 0; Como 0, Roma 0; Lazio 1, Udinese 4; AC Milan 1, Fiorentina 1; Sampdoria 0, Napoli 0; Torino 1, Cremonese 0; Verona 2, Ascoli 0. Leading positions: 1, Verona (p17, pts 25); 2, Inter (17–24); 3, Torino (17–23).

Matthew Engel on the one-day international at Chandigarh

Gavaskar misses out in a soggy scramble

CRICKET

England won their final one-day international in India by seven runs in Chandigarh yesterday, thus taking the series by a healthy 4-1 instead of an edgy-sounding 3-2. That bare result conceals what was both England's most meaningless victory of the tour — the game was reduced by bad weather to a 15-over bash — and one of their more remarkable, as they were obliged to bat first, which on these occasions is a major disadvantage.

But the Indians, chasing England's 121, found themselves 11 runs short with an over to go, and Gavaskar failed in his attempts to hit Cowdrey out of town. Once again, the experience county players get Sunday after Sunday at home is a big asset.

In normal circumstances, the game might never have been played at all. There had been a huge thunderstorm in the night, and the outfield was soaked: neither team was much bothered, but this was Chandigarh's first major cricket match, and had been the town's sole talking point for weeks.

Chandigarh is the capital of the Punjab, full of Sikhs, and — three months after the assassination — still touchy. The security could not have been more obvious had Reagan been in town; people who appeared to be ordinary gatemen toted Sten guns, an idea which has not yet been attempted even at Lord's. For all that, a total abandonment in conditions that had improved to bright sunshine would probably have caused a riot, and the teams knew what was good for them.

The match began at the last possible moment, more than five hours later, and consisted of the minimum number of overs possible. In the end, the ground did not look that squelchy, but the game that resulted was inevitably one of slogs, snicks and leg-byes, with little dignity and less art; cricket for people who do not like cricket much. At times, there was so much dashing about round the field that it seemed as though the Punjab was being partitioned all over again.

England named a team that seemed appropriate to the altered occasion, with Gatting opening; they also included Sherpa French for his first representative match, either because the management thought he deserved it, or because they thought he might be inspired by the misty outline of the Himalayan foothills in the distance.

French never got to the crease, but the first four England batsmen all performed very competently — Fowler helping at the start, Gatting doing what passed as the anchorman's job, scoring 31 in 38 balls, Gower chipping in with a variety of shots, including a mishit six, and Lamb, his damaged knee evidently not a problem, doing well at the end.

No one has much experience of these sort of games (thank heaven) so it was hard to judge whether 121 was a decent score or not. Srikkanth and Shastri matched England's start, but when Gatting ran out Srikkanth, Kapil came in first wicket down. This is his home town, and the crowd were delighted, but they could have done with him later when the slog-within-a-slog was on.

With nine overs gone, India had fallen behind the rate. The most interesting feature of the contest might have been how the Indians would have coped with Marks's tempting stuff. But Gower shied away from that, and instead bowled Gatting, who produced a variety of semi-wides, real wides and full tosses (and a bit of bad temper when the wides were called, too) and India were put back in the match.

Luckily, Edmonds kept the pressure on; 33 were needed off the last three overs, 20 off two following Gatting's second over, and 11 off the last, after Shastri had been run out for a fine and intelligently-played 53.

Gavaskar emerged for the last over to whistles, but some applause, from Kapil's people, and Gower called up Cowdrey. Gavaskar missed the first ball aiming for six, and got only one off the second. Yashpal was bowled by the third, and when the fourth only produced a single, Gavaskar was left needing to hit a six to have a chance. He went for the jackpot, but for Gavaskar these days jackpots hardly happen: he made no contact at all.

ENGLAND

G. Fowler run out	17
M. W. Gatting c Azharuddin b Sekar	31
D. I. Gower b Sekar	19
A. J. Lamb not out	33
C. Cowdrey c Rajput b Shastri	5
P. H. Edmonds c Azharuddin b Sekar	5
V. J. Marks run out	2
R. M. Ellison not out	5
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (for 6, 15 overs)	121

Fall of wickets: 31, 71, 74, 88, 93, 104.
Did not bat: J. P. Agnew, N. A. Foster, B. N. French.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 3-0-17-0; Prabhakar 3-0-26-0; Sharma 3-0-28-0; Sekar 3-0-24-3; Shastri 3-0-30-1.

INDIA

R. J. Shastri run out	53
K. Srikkanth run out	9
Kapil Dev c Agnew b Edmonds	17
M. Azharuddin c Gatting b Edmonds	12
Yashpal Sharma b Cowdrey	6
S. M. Gavaskar not out	2
L. Rajput not out	1
Extras (w 12, lb 2)	14
Total (for 5, 15 overs)	114

Fall of wickets: 22, 49, 83, 111, 112.
Did not bat: S. Vishwanath, T. A. Sekar, M. Prabhakar, Chetan Sharma.
Bowling: Agnew 3-0-23-0; Foster 3-0-17-0; Ellison 3-0-20-0; Edmonds 3-0-20-0; Gatting 2-0-28-0; Cowdrey 1-0-3-1.
Umpires: S. Nagarajaran, Ram Babu.
England won by seven runs.
England won the one-day international series 4-1.

Australia humbled

The West Indies reemphasised their superiority at Adelaide yesterday when they defeated Australia for the fifth consecutive time in the World Series Cup.

An unbeaten 104 by opener Graeme Wood helped Australia to reach 200 for nine in their 50 overs after the West Indies pace attack had reduced them to 19 for three, but the tourists lost just four wickets to overhaul the total with 7.2 overs to spare.

The Australians bowled well enough, but poor fielding was their undoing. Three reasonably straightforward chances from Richie Richardson, Clive Lloyd and Vivian Richards were all put down, and Lloyd (47 not out) and Richards (51) went on to put on 98 runs which carried them to the brink of victory. Joel Garner won the Man of the Match award for a superb 10-over spell which brought him figures of three for 17.

Australia meet Sri Lanka today and victory would virtually assure them of a place in the final, but they can scarcely be fancied to upset the West Indies in the best-of-three final in Sydney next month.

WORLD SERIES CUP (Adelaide).—West Indies beat Australia by six wickets.

AUSTRALIA

K. C. Wessels run out	9
G. M. Wood not out	104
A. R. Border lbw b Marshall	0
D. M. Jones b Garner	11
S. Smith c Dujon b Davis	21
W. B. Phillips run out	35
S. O'Donnell c Dujon b Garner	9
G. F. Lawson hit wicket b Marshall	4
C. J. McDermott c Logie b Garner	2
R. McCurdy run out	1
R. M. Hogg not out	3
Extras (lb 5, nb 3)	8
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	200

Fall of wickets: 4, 4, 19, 72, 154, 167, 178, 181, 184.
Bowling: Garner 10-3-17-3, Marshall 10-1-35-2 (nb-3), Davis 10-0-53-1, Holding 10-0-51-0, Richards 10-0-39-0.

WEST INDIES

C. G. Greenidge lbw b McDermott	39
D. L. Haynes b McCurdy	14
R. B. Richardson c Smith b McDermott	34
I. V. A. Richards c Border b McCurdy	51
C. H. Lloyd not out	47
A. L. Logie not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 3, w 1)	14
Total (4 wickets, 42.4 overs)	201

Fall of wickets: 31, 93, 103, 199.
Did not bat: P. J. Dujon, M. D. Marshall, J. Garner, M. A. Holding, W. W. Davis.
Bowling: Lawson 9-0-32-0 (nb 2, w 1), McCurdy 9.4-2-38-2, McDermott 7-0-37-2 (nb 1), Hogg 6-0-46-0, O'Donnell 10-1-38-0.

Heroics by Reid

An unbeaten 158 by John Reid, who batted all day, helped New Zealand to a commanding 282-run lead over Pakistan on the third day of the second Test at Auckland.

Resuming at 73 not out, Reid took 90 minutes to register his fifth hundred in 12 matches. Five balls later he reached 1,000 Test runs—the 17th New Zealander to pass this milestone—in only 20 innings. Reid has scored 106, 97, 148 and 158 in the last four Tests against Pakistan.

PAKISTAN. — First Innings 169 (R. J. Hadlee four for 60).

NEW ZEALAND.— First Innings (Overnight 248 for 3)

G. P. Howarth c Mianded b Mudassar	13
J. G. Wright c Salim b Akram	66
J. F. Reid not out	158
M. D. Crowe c sub b Qadir	84
S. L. Boock c Raja b Hafeez	10
J. J. Crowe run out	30
J. V. Coney c Qaiput b Mudassar	25
R. J. Hadlee c Mohsin b Hafeez	13
I. D. S. Smith c Miandad b Akram	7
B. L. Cairns b Hafeez	23
W. J. Chatfield not out	1
Extras (b 6, nb 6, lb 9)	21
Total (9 wickets)	451

Fall of wickets: 60, 108, 245, 278, 359, 386, 387, 411, 447.

John Samuel

'Citizen' Marc canes them

SKIING

Marc Girardelli won his seventh race of the winter, the super giant slalom of the World Cup meeting at Garmisch Partenkirchen yesterday, then announced a campaign to get himself accepted for the World Championships beginning at Bormio, Italy, on Thursday.

He then has a plan to compete in all the remaining downhills — Saturday's was won by Helmut Hoeflehner of Austria without his presence — in an effort to win the overall World Cup title.

Girardelli at 21 is rapidly becoming the major ski racing phenomenon since Ingemar Stenmark. Yesterday's win over a fast icy course of just over a mile, in one minute 34.09, to edge out Liechtenstein's Andy Wenzel by seventeen hundredths of a second, was his first in the Super G, the ninth time he has finished first or second this season, and the 13th win of his career. At this rate he could be the man to catch Ingemar Stenmark and his 79 World Cup victories, and certainly, if his campaign to compete in Bormio succeeds, the skier who could thwart the 28-year-old Swede and his aim to win world championship slalom gold for the fourth successive time.

Girardelli has skied for Luxembourg though he was born and lives in Austria. His father, Helmut, also his trainer, fell out with the Austrian coaches, but though Girardelli has skied for Luxembourg since 1980 he did not apply for citizenship until last week, in a desparate effort to gain eligibility for Bormio. He also missed last year's Winter Olympic Games because of problems of citizenship.

The International Ski Federation has to decide whether an application, which may take several months to go through constitutes citizenship. Gian Franco, the FIS director general, said yesterday Girardelli would have to show a Luxembourg passport if he were going to compete. The English version of FIS rules certainly demand this, but Girardelli has a slim hope that other language versions may offer a loophole. He has delayed so long because Austria does not permit dual nationality.



NO MARKING TIME . . . Girardeli wins his seventh race this season, the Garmisch Super giant slalom.

Girardelli last season took the special slalom overall title based on a skier's best five results, was third in giant slalom, but skied no downhill partly as a reaction from a bad fall in Lake Louise in 1983 requiring orthoscopic surgery. He said yesterday that his success on such a fast slope had encouraged him to enter the remaining four downhills.

Meantime, though, he has missed all the combinations—Garmisch was the last with Wenzel the overall combination champion—he still leads the overall with 215 points, 36 more than Pirmin Zurbriggen, who is recovering from a knee operation. Zurbriggen is training again and expects to race in Bormio. He and Wenzel could still give Girardelli a close run for the overall title won last season by Zurbriggen and in the three preceding seasons by the now retired Phil Mahre. All will depend on the final sweep through North America after the world championships.

Hoeflehner set himself up as favourite for the world championship downhill with his third victory in six World cup races so far this season. At 25 he is a late developer. The one time practice king is now the actual monarch, skiing in relaxed and confident style on any type of course or snow condition. He has yet to finish outside the top four this winter, but a clutch of Swiss—Heinzer, Mueller, Luescher and the swiftly rising Karl Alpiger, fourth on Saturday—are all fighting for the chance to depose him. Only four from any country will be able to race on the brand new, untested Bormio course.

WORLD CUP—Men's Downhill (Garmisch-Partenkirchen): 1, H. Hoeflehner (Aust) 1min. 54.56sec.; 2, P. Mueller (Switz) 1:54.78; 3, A. Steiner (Aust) 1:55.23; 4, K. Alpiger (Switz) 1:55.61; 5, M. Mair (Italy) 1:55.65; 6, P. Luescher (Switz) 1:55.99; 7, B. Kernen (Switz) 1:56.01; equal 8, T. Brooker (Can) and F. Piccard (Fr) 1-56.04; 10, F. Heinzer (Swit) 1-56.09.

Overall Downhill standings: 1, Hoeflehner 107; 2, P. Wirnsberger (Aust) 80; 3, Mueller 65; 4, Heinzer 64; 5, P. Zurbriggen (Switz) 59; 6, C. Cathomen (Switz) 50.

WORLD CUP—Men's Super G: 1, M. Girardelli (Lux) 1min 34.09sec; 2, A. Wenzel (Liech) 1:34.26; 3, H. Stuffer (W Ger) 1:34.59; 4, P. Luescher (Switz) 1:34.61; 5, M. Eder (W Ger) 1:34.68; 6, P. Roth (W Ger) 1:34.70.

Combination standings (Super-G slalom and Saturday's downhill): 1, Mueller 15.96 pts; 2, Luescher 19.81; 3, F. Heinzer (Switz) 23.39.

Final World Cup combination standings: 1, Wenzel 76; 2, Heinzer 55; 3, Mueller 52.

Overall World Cup standings: 1, Girardelli 215; 2, P. Zurbriggen 179; 3, Wenzel 172; 4, Heinzer 125; 5, Mueller 121; 6, H. Hoeflehner 113.

WORLD CUP. — Women's Super-G: 1, M. Kiehl (W Ger) 1min 25.07sec; 2, E. Twardokens (US) 1:25.41; 3, M. Figini (Switz) 1:26.06; 4, O. Charvatova (Czech) 1:26.34; 5, E. Hess (Switz) 1:26.50; 6, M. Gerg (W Ger) 1:26.63.

Overall World Cup standings: 1, M. Figini (Switz) 221pts; 2, B. Oertli (Switz) 166; 3, E. Kirchler (Aust) 156; 4, M. Kiehl (W Ger) 154; 5, M. Walliser (Switz) 149; 6, E. Hess (Switz) 136. Overall World Cup giant slalom standings: 1, Figini (Switz) 95; 2, Kiehl 96; 3, Walliser 76.



ZOLA BUDD: Convincing winner of the 1,500 metres at Cosford

SNOOKER

Clive Everton

Thorburn recovers

Cliff Thorburn, the beaten finalist in three of the last four major tournaments on the circuit, overcame a 1-3 deficit to beat Dennis Taylor 5-3 in the opening match of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

It was a victory which not only enabled him to avenge his 10-2 drubbing by Taylor in the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix in October but to edge ahead 4-3 in their personal record.

Taylor, in fact, was the Canadian's first opponent on his initial visit to Britain 12 years ago. Thorburn won that match 9-8 and his approach in those days was if anything even dourer than it is now. Tournament play was then a refreshing change from playing various cue games for money in the poolrooms of Canada and North America, but even now Thorburn seems at his best when circumstances simulate the feeling of playing for survival.

Yesterday the first frame of the tournament produced a century break, but Thorburn's 103 clearance was followed by two protracted frames of 38 and 45 minutes both won by Taylor. Trailing 1-3 at the mid-session interval, Thorburn took the crucial fifth frame before levelling 3-3 with the aid of the first substantial breaks since the first frame, 44 and 31.

The Irishman's failure at the green, which could have been the forerunner of a 4-3 lead, saw him fall 3-4 behind and Thorbur, by now psychologically at the helm made a break of 58 in the eighth frame to clinch his place in the quarter-finals and leave Taylor, after nine appearances in the event, still waiting for his firs t win in the Masters.

John Rodda

Drugs warning for Britons

ATHLETICS

THE International Athletes Club has called for the Sports Council to spell out to competitors the dangers of taking drugs. The growing suspicion that increasing numbers of British athletes are using drugs to enhance their performance has led the IAC to ask the Sports Council to look at the possibility of establishing an educational programme in Britain, which would spell out exactly what drugs are being used, and their likely effect.

The IAC recommendation is a welcome, positive step in an area in which has seen too much hypocrisy. The suggestion by Paul Dickenson, the IAC chairman, that six out of 10 British international athletes are taking some form of drugs is a piece of guesswork which was refuted yesterday by the secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, Nigel Cooper; but Cooper cannot, of course, produce evidence to the contrary.

The problem in athletics is that the deterrent—testing—has been inadequately enforced by those who run the sport. Britain has been in the forefront of drug testing for many years and that, unfortunately, has given the impression of a sense of well-being and fair play. In fact, the limited amount of testing undertaken, and its consequent ineffectiveness, comes close to a hypocritical attitude.

Major meetings may feature well over 200 competitors, but only around 10 will be tested. Athletics using anabolic steroids and the hormone testosterone, which assist muscle growth, ensure that they stop taking the drug in time for its presence to be washed out of the system before they are tested. And when athletes are caught, they are usually banned from competition for only 18 months.

There are a number of British athletes under suspicion, and athletics officials could easily single them out, by publishing a list of meetings in this country over the past few years at which there has been testing, accompanied by a list of those athletes who have been regularly missing from such events.

The IAC's plan for spelling out the dangers of drugs in order to dissuade young people was first raised by their treasurer, Mike Winch, at a conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation 14 months ago. At the same time, many sports were conniving at drug-taking — Sir Arthur Gold, who has been in the forefront of the anti-drug campaign, suggested that all Olympic competitors should undertake a test; but his words fell on deaf ears.

Mafe taught a valuable lesson

ADE MAFE and Zola Budd reaped crucial benefits in very different ways from the Pearl Assurance Indoor Championship at RAF Cosford. For Mafe the meeting has set a new challenge, after his resounding defeat in the 200 metres; for Miss Budd the initial hurdles of her return to Britain after the Olympic Games were cleared with a 1,500 metres victory which confirmed that her freakish talent has yet to be expressed to the full.

Mafe, an Olympic 200 metres finalist at the age of 17 and just 0.01 sec short of taking a gold medal in the World Indoor Games last week, sat down on the competitors' bench at Cosford to pull off his spikes and familiarise himself with a new experience: finishing last of four in the 200 metres.

Mel Lattany, the American winner, was swift to thank British generosity for his victory. "There's the man who did it," he said, nodding towards Charles Taylor, the Midlands coach who took time from looking after guests at the European Coaches' Conference in Birmingham last week to oversee several of Lattany's training sessions.

"He put me through a series of 300- and 400-metre runs and it was just like being back in Georgia with my own coach," said Lattany. "Charles raised my concentration and helped me work on those bends."

Lattany, who has spiced British sprinting events for several years, will be saying farewell this summer when he joins Dallas Cowboys, the American football team, as a wide receiver, an occupation which Channel 4 viewers will understand.

His next visit to Britain will be for the international match against the United States in March when Mafe must face his new challenge. Although the British runner was drawn inside the American, who had to cope with the rise and drop on the bend, he could not turn on the speed in the second half of the race, where Lattany gouged his advantage.

"After taking the silver medal in Paris I was mentally down," said Mafe. "It is something I have to learn, to be able to pick up after a race like that." Mafe and his coach Ken Seddington need to work to that goal to support Lattany's view that Mafe is going to be Britain's best sprinter.

"It's good to hear him talk about looking towards the time when he beats Carl Lewis," Lattany added, "but there are others about, like Kirk Baptiste, Calvin Smith and me, whom he must beat on the way up."

Miss Budd did not have the easy ride she might have expected in the 1,500 metres, but after Yvonne Murray's gritty five laps she showed her quality with a winning margin of over five seconds, most of it achieved in the final 200 metres, which she ran in 31.6 seconds.

That time pleased and surprised her and suggested that she should fly when she gets down to the longer distances over the country and the road. Her overall time of 4 min 11.20 sec, is a championship best but still a long way off Mary Decker's world mark of 4 min 0.80 sec.

Miss Budd now intends to have her first English cross-country race at Ipswich next Saturday, and on that run will depend her decision to compete in the English Championships.

Two other silver-medal winners in Paris, unlike Mafe, did not lose their form, but they were competitors of experience. Heather Oakes took the 60 metres in 7.24 sec and Todd Bennett set another championship best, holding off some young challengers in the 400 metres.

The bevy of rising young talent among British hurdlers clearly wanted to get at Jonathan Ridgeon, who took a bronze in the World Indoor meeting, but he kept a cool 17-year-old head with a new championship mark of 7.71 sec for the 60-metres hurdles.

Ikem Billy has a long way to go to emulate Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett at 800 metres but he gave a few tactical lessons in winning his title, holding off Gareth Brown's challenge for the pole position in the last lap, and making the Cardiff man run wide on the bend. Billy always held tactical reins and his duel with Brown in the final lap gave him an advantage of just under 0.4 sec at the finish.

The overseas challenge seemed to succeed everywhere in the field events except in the women's shot, where Judy Oakes pumped out the implement to a championship best of 17.85 metres.

John Rodda

Pat Rowley

Gregory ousts Fareham

HOCKEY

Peterborough, the leaders of the East's Division 1 North, provided the only upset of the English Cup first round, defeating Fareham, last season's Inter-League finalists, 1-0 at Fareham.

Peterborough's reward is a home tie in the second round against the holders, East Grinstead, or Hounslow whose match was one of seven postponed.

The Hockey Association's ridiculous decision to start their cup in January really back-fired. Another two ties were abandoned. The matches will be replayed on February 10 and the second round has been put back a week.

Steve Gregory scored Peterborough's winning goal two minutes from time following up Phil Webber's corner shot. Early in the game Fareham had wasted a penalty.

Blackheath, last year's beaten finalists, were held by Long Sutton's farmers and 40-year-olds for 43 minutes. Imtiaz, Wasim Butt and Daved eventually confirmed the discrepancy in talent.

Firebrands and Wimbledon will join Peterborough in the second round (last 16) for the first time. Firebrands were the day's biggest winner, with a 5-0 victory over Northampton Saints. Tony Wills converted corners for two of Firebrand's goals. Hawkins, Matthews and Thomas were their other scorers.

The two services qualifiers were both eliminated. Support Command lost 2-0 to Wimbledon at Crystal Palace, where Hunt and Smyth scored; the Pay Corps went down 3-1 at Gore Court, for whom Cornett scored and was the dominant force.

Driving snow caused the Cambridge City-Trojans tie to be abandoned after 55 minutes with the score 1-1 but, nearby, Bishop's Stortford struggled on to beat St George's 2-0 with two goals from Brian Lense, a recent Loughborough student.

In Saturday's league matches, Neston, East Grinstead and Welton greatly strengthened their title prospects. Neston's 1-0 win over Southport puts them seven points clear in the North-west; East Grinstead's 2-0 success over Lyons, the Truman champions, six points ahead, and Welton's 7-0 trouncing of Huddersfield, establishes a five-point lead in Yorkshire.

HA CUP. — Second Round (February 17): Blackheath v. Vikings (10M) or St Albans; Bournemouth or Slough v. Reading or Welton; Edgbaston or Andover v. B Stortford; Gore Court v. Norton or Pickwick; L Westleigh or Teddington v. Bowdon or Cheltenham; Peterborough v. E Grinstead or Hounslow; Stone or Southgate v. Firebands; Wimbledon v. Cambs C or Trojans.

West make simple point

Midlands won the unofficial women's territorial tournament which, with the exception of the first match, was played entirely at a bitter Coldhams Common, Cambridge, this weekend. It was their first win since 1979. Yesterday they defeated East 2-1 and South 1-0 in the final match.

Despite their success Midlands never found the sort of form expected from their vaunted international forward line. Indeed West, who finished second overall, beat them 2-0 on Saturday, when they also beat South by the same score. West had a directness and simplicity not apparent in the all-star casts of some of their opponents.

Few up-and-coming players staked claims for vacant places. Exceptions were a 19-year-old newcomer, Kathy Tilbury, the West right wing, who showed dainty footwork, speed and anticipation, and Val Hallam, the North goalkeeper.

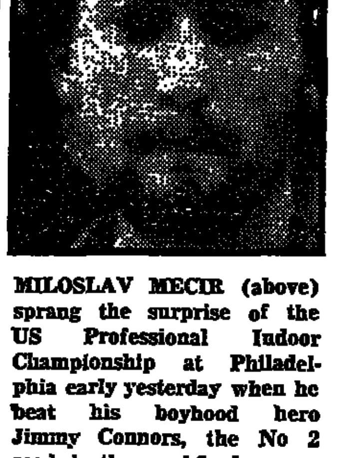
WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENT: East 1, Midlands 2; North 0, West 0; South 0, Midlands 1.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Midlands	4	3	0	1	4	3	6
West	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
North	4	1	2	1	4	3	4
South	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
East	4	1	0	3	5	8	2

Janet Ruff

TENNIS



MILOSLAV MECIR (above) sprang the surprise of the US Professional Indoor Championship at Philadelphia early yesterday when he beat his boyhood hero Jimmy Connors, the No 2 seed, in the semi-finals.

The 20-year-old Czech, ranked No 60 in the world and unseeded, had never played Connors before but upset the experienced American 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Last night he met John McEnroe in the final and took the world No 1 to a tiebreak in the second set before losing 6-3, 7-6, 6-1.

● Chris Lloyd beat Martina Navratilova 6-2, 6-4 in the final of the Virginia Slims tournament at Key Biscayne, Florida to revive a rivalry which had become rather one-sided. Navratilova had won 16 of their last 17 encounters.

RESULTS

Rugby Union

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP. — Third Round: Bath 24, Berry Hill 3; Bedford 6, Waterloo 7; Gloucester 29, Richmond 0; Harlequins 29, Ealing 12; Leicester 43, Bristol 4; Lichfield 11, Sidcup 4; Liverpool 16, London Scottish 13; Nottingham 15, Northampton 3; Plymouth Albion 6, Coventry 42; Redruth 11, Lydney 29; Sale 33, Aspatria 10; Saracens 16, Gosforth 13; Wasps 25, Rosslyn Park 10. Postponed: Headingley v. London Welsh; Wakefield v. Blackheath; West Hartlepool v. Moseley.

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP — Third Round: Aberavon 0, Pontypool 25; Bridgend 40, Gowerton 6; Llandovery 4, Llanelli 40; Neath 26, Llankaran 7; Newbridge 6, Cardiff 24; Newport 12, South Wales Police 15; Rumney 7, Seven Sisters 13; Swansea 25, Ebbw Vale 6.

CLUB MATCHES.—Broughton Park 29, Wilmslow 7; Clifton 11, Penarth 7; Harrogate 13, Fylde 23; Launceston 15, Bideford 7; Met Police 42, US Portsmouth 0; Moseley 15, Wakefield 13; Orrell 6, Huddersfield 6; Oxford University 6, Nuneaton 22; Preston Grasshoppers 38, Morley 16; Rugby 3, Esher 18; St Helens 6, Vale of Lune 17; South Glamorgan Inst 12, Glamorgan Wanderers 28.

YESTERDAY

MIDDLESEX CUP.—Fourth Round: Old Kingsburians 0, Harlequins 23; Ruislip 7, Rosslyn Park 12; Staines 9, Barclays Bank 6; Twickenham 6, Met Police 7; West London Inst. 13, Uxbridge 7.

SURREY CUP.—Fourth Round: Streatham-Croydon 12, Guildford & Godalming 16.

CLUB MATCH.—Camborne 18, Exmouth 0.

Tennis

US PRO INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Philadelphia). — Semi-finals: M. Mecir (Czech) beat J. Connors (US) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; J. McEnroe (US) beat S. Davis (US), 6-2, 6-4. Final: McEnroe (US) beat M. Mecir (Czech) 6-3, 7-6, 6-1.

Doubles. — Semi-finals: J. Nystrom and M. Wilander (Swe) beat H. Gunthardt (Switz) and B. Taroczy (Hun) 7-6, 6-2; W. Fibak (Pol) and S. Mayer (US) beat P. Slozil and T. Smid (Czech), 6-3, 6-4.

VIRGINIA SLIMS TOURNAMENT (Key Biscayne, Fla). — Semi-finals: M. Navratilova (US) beat C. Lindqvist (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; C. Lloyd (US) beat P. Louie (US), 6-2, 6-1.

Athletics

PEARL NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (RAF Cosford). — Men, 60M: 1, R. Desruelles (Belg) 6.65sec; 2, M. McFarlane (Haringey) 6.66; 3, E. Obeng (Belgrave) 6.71.

200M: 1, M. Lattany (US) 21.36; 2, L. Christie (Thames Valley) 21.49; 3, E. Cullock (Sale) 21.62.

400M: 1, T. Bennett (Southampton) 46.83; 2, A. Bennett (Birchfield) 47.65; 3, R. Black (Southampton) 47.86.

800M: 1, I. Billy (Wirral) 1min 49.85sec; 2, G. Brown (Cardiff) 1:50.33; 3, A. Morrell (Middlesbrough) 1:50.83.

3,000M: 1, D. Lewis (Rossendale) 7:58.41; 2, R. Copestake (Birchfield) 7:59.79; 3, A. Laukam (Birchfield) 7:59.88.

1,500M: 1, R. Harrison (Liverpool) 3:42.95; 2, C. Bradeley (Stoke) 3:44.07; 3, A. Currie (Dumbarton) 3:46.09.

60M Hurdles: 1, J. Ridgeon (Cambridge) 7.71sec; 2, N. Walker (Cardiff) 7.72; 3, C. Jackson (Cardiff) 7.85.

2,000M Steeplechase: 1, C. Walker (Gateshead) 5:35.92; 2, D. Baptiste (Thames Valley) 5.37.21; 3, P. Hayes (Coventry) 5:42.58.

High Jump: 1, A. Metellus (Canada) 2.23m; 2, C. Siu (China) 2.20; 3, T. Sakamoto (Japan) 2.17.

Triple Jump: 1, Z. Zoo (China) 16.50m; 2, O. Protsenko (USSR) 16.29; 3, T. Ueta (Japan) 15.91.

Pole Vault: 1, V. Bubka (USSR) 5.60m; 2, S. Bubka (USSR) 5.40; 3, G. Ghen (China) 5.20.

WOMEN. 60M: 1, H. Oakes (Haringey) 7.24sec; 2, P. Baker (Sale) 7.39; 3, S. Thomas (Hounslow) 7.43.

200M: 1, C. Smart (Cardiff) 24.44; 2, M. Scutt (Sale) 24.66; 3, O. Flockhart (Edinburgh) 26.1.

400M: 1, L. MacDonald (Pitreavie) 54.74; 2, C. Whitehurst (Stretford) 55.87; 3, S. Gandy (Loughborough) 56.61.

800M: 1, K. McDermott (Bristol) 2min 2.70sec; 2, E. MacArthur (Petreavie) 2:8.62; 3, I. DeBruycker (Belgium) 2:9.24.

1,500M: 1, Z. Budd (Aldershot) 4:11.20; (UK All-comers record); 2, Y. Murray (Edinburgh) 4:16.09; 3, E. Lyon (Millfield) 4:22.12.

60M Hurdles: 1, J. Simpson (Birchfield) 8.25s; 2, W. Jeal (Haringey) 8.35; 3, K. Hagger (Essex Ladies) 8.44.

Long Jump: 1, W. Wao (China) 6.26m; 2, K. Hagger (Essex Ladies) 6.13; 3, M. Berkeley (Croydon) 6.04.

Shot: 1, J. Oakes (Croydon) 17.85m; 2, M. Li (China) 17.26; 3, M. Augee (Cambridge) 15.93.

INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY (Fermoy, Cork). — Men. — 10,000m: 1, C. Herle (W Ger) 31min 24sec; 2, B. Mamloski (Pol) 31:48; 3, R. Schneider (W Ger) 31:58; 4, S. Jones (Wales) 32:02; 5, E. de Pauw (Belg) 32:11; 6, P. Tootell (Eng) 32:16. Team: 1, W Ger 'B' 10pts; 2, England 14; 3, W Ger 'A' 19.

Women. — 4,000m: 1, B. Steenbroeke (Bel g)13min 35sec; 2, G. Reinmaler (W Ger) 13:56; 3, M. Sorry (Eng) 13:59; 4, G. Hickey (Dublin) 14:09.

SAN SEBASTIAN CROSS COUNTRY (10,000m): 1, W. Bulti (Eth) 31 min 17 sec; 2, M. Kadir (Eth) 31:17; 3, A. Boutour (Alg) 31:34. British: 5, N. Muir (Scot) 31:46; 6, J. Goater (Eng) 31:50.

HONG KONG MARATHON.—Men's: 1, A. Lazare (Fr) 2 hrs 18 min 34 sec. British: 4, T. Turner, 2:22:07; 6, J. Offord, 2:24:55. Women: 1, A. Agarwal (Ind), 2:44:51. British: 5, S. Martin, 3:03:22.

OSAKA WOMEN'S MARATHON: 1, C. May (Ire) 2 hrs 28 min 7 sec. British: 6, G. Horwitz 2.37.37; 7, J. Smith 2.38.09.

CHARTRES CROSS-COUNTRY (12.2kms): 1, F. Panetta (Italy), 38min 21sec. British: 6, M. Bishop, 38:39. Other: 8, A. Cova (Italy), 39:12.

CHICAGO INVITATIONAL. — Men's 50M Hurdles: 1, G. Foster (US), 6.30sec (world indoor best).

Hockey

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE. — Premier: Dulwich 0, Teddington 1; Slough 1, Blackheath 1. League: Guildford 2, Purley 0; Hounslow 7, London Univ 2; Reading 2, Surbiton 1; Richmond 8, Mid-Surrey 0; St Albans 1, Hampstead 0; Spencer 4, Hawks 0; Wimbledon 0, Bromley 0.

TSB NORTH-WEST LEAGUE. — Alderley Edge 1, Liverpool Sefton 1; Bebington 0, Bowdon 1; Brooklands 4, Bury 1; Hightown 0, Young Muslims 0; Neston 1, Southport 0; Warrington 0, Northern 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. — Cambs Nomads 1, Norfolk Wanderers 1; St. Neots 3, Bishop's Stortford 2.

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE. — Bournemouth 1, Camberley 1; Eastcote 1, Trojans 2; East Grinstead 2, Lyons 0; ETESSA 1, Bognor 1, Indian Gym 2, Walton 1.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENT (Coldham's Common): East 2, West 1; North 2, South 2; West 2, Midlands 0; East 2, South 3.

YESTERDAY

HA CUP. — First Round: Bishop's Stortford 2, St George's 0; Blackheath 3, Long Sutton 0; Cambridge City 1, Trojans 1 (abandoned 55mins); Fareham 0, Peterborough Town 1; Firebrands 5, Northampton Saints 0; Gore Court 3, RAPC 1; L Westleigh 0, Teddington 0 (abandoned 35mins); Wimbledon 2, RAF Support Command 0; Reading 4, Welton 3.

SURREY CUP. — Second Round: Walton T. Spencer 2. Third Round: Guildford 3, Dulwich 1; Richmond 1, Croydon MO 0; Surbiton 3, Hawks 4 (aet).

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE. — Purley 1, Richmond 2.

SOMERSET CUP — Quarter final: Clevedon 0, Brean 2.

GLOS CUP.—Quarter final: Bristol Univ 5, Smiths 0.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP. — Quarter final: Surrey 3, Swansea 2.

REPRESENTATIVE: Army 0, Wiltshire 0; Royal Navy 0, Sussex 5.

ASIA CUP (Dhaka).—Japan 1, China 0; S Korea 0, Malaysia 0; Sri Lanka 5, Singapore 1.

HDM INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (The Hague).—Men, Final: Netherlands 8, Boekenlers 9 (aet). 3rd place: Capercailzies (Scotland) 6, Arminen 4. 7th place: Roses 10, Poland Juniors 9. Women, Final: HDM 6, HGC 1. 3rd place: Scotland 7, Arminen 6.

Snooker

BENSON AND HEDGES MASTERS (Wembley) First Round: C. Thorburn (Can) beat Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) 5-3. Frames (Thorburn first): 121-7, 47-68, 47-83, 8-62, 69-33, 81-17, 61-36, 66-19.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — Washington 5, New York 1; Montreal 3, New York 2; Hartford 3, Boston 2; Edmonton 6, Pittsburgh 3; Chicago 5, Toronto 2; Calgary 6, Vancouver 2; Los Angeles 7, St Louis 3; Minnesota 4, Detroit 4.

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—First Division: Bracknell Pirates 98, Walkers Crisps, Leicester 108; Cottrills Manchester Giants 120, Homespare, Bolton 106 Crystal Palace Supersonics 95, Hemel and Watford Royals 83; Davenports, Birmingham 78, Sperrings Solent Stars 90; Nissan Bears, Worthing 83, John Carr, Doncaster 77; Portsmouth 72, Kingcraft, Kingston 115; Sunderland Maestros 74, FSO Cars, Manchester United 78.

MEN'S TROPHY — Semi-final: McEwan Tyneside 74, Derby Turbos 68.

First Division — Women: Avon Northampton 111, Solent Suns 29; Daihatsu Crystal Palace 64, Kingcraft Kingston 60, Daihatsu Crystal Palace 82, Ashfield Glass Nottingham 75; Homespare Bolton 91, Enfield Browns 50; TCB Homespare Bolton 91, Enfield Glass Nottingham 72; Vogue Travel Manchester 64, Bath 68.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CUP — Semi-finals: MIM 44, Excelsior 38; All Blacks 71, Altered Images 56.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—Chicago 117, Atlanta 104; Kansas City 120, Golden State 111; New York 109, Indiana 106; Detroit 132, Seattle 113; Washington 110, Phoenix 105; Milwaukee 105, Houston 102; New Jersey 103, Dallas 93; Utah 96, Los Angeles 83; Denver 144, Cleveland 127; Philadelphia 120, Los Angeles 113.

Golf

SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN (Durban). — Final Scores (S African unless stated): 280—G. Levenson, 69, 68, 72, 71. 283—P. Simmons, 71, 71, 68, 73. 284—M. James (GB), 71, 68, 74, 71; R. Lincoln, 72, 66, 74, 72; A. Henning, 72, 69, 71, 72; J. Bland, 72, 71, 67, 74. 286—S. Hobday, 73, 72, 71, 70; I. Mosey (GB), 70, 74, 71, 71; G. Player, 73, 74, 68, 71. 287—J. Townsend (US), 73, 72, 71, 71; D. Feherty (Ire), 76, 73, 67, 71. 288—A. Chandler (GB), 72, 78, 68, 70; F. Edmonds (Can), 74, 72, 70, 72; D. Smyth (Ire), 72, 71, 72, 73. 289—B. Evans (GB), 74, 71, 72, 72; P. Allem, 77, 66, 72, 74. 290—D. Sena (US), 76, 69, 74, 71; D. Levin (US), 71, 73, 73, 73; N. Price, 74, 72, 71, 73; D. Hayes, 72, 72, 70, 76.

LOS ANGELES OPEN. — Third round (all US): 202—L. Wadkins, 68, 70, 64; H. Sutton, 66, 66, 70; G. Koch, 66, 66, 70. 203—S. Simpson, 66, 71, 66; C. Beck 71, 66, 66; L. Mize, 70, 62, 71. 204—B. Lietzke, 66, 70, 68. 205—A. Bean, 67, 71, 67; D. Pooley, 69, 66, 70. 206—L. Rinker, 71, 70, 65.

MAZDA WOMEN'S CLASSIC (Deerfield Beach, Fla). — Third round (US unless stated): 208—P. Bradley, 70, 70, 68; J. Stephenson, 71, 71, 67. 211—A. Okamoto (Jap), 73, 65, 73. 212—D. White, 71, 69, 72. 213—C. Hill, 73, 72, 68; H. Stacey, 72, 71, 70; J. Geddes, 71, 69, 73. 214—L. Rinker, 73, 69, 72; P. Hammel, 74, 67, 73. 215—J. Anderson, 70, 72, 73.

Bobsleigh

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-MAN EVENT (Cervinia, Italy). — 1, East Germany I (Lehmann, Truebner, Voge and Grimmel), 4min 14.06sec; 2, East Germany II, 4-14.63; 3, Switzerland I, 4-14.81.

Badminton

JAPAN OPEN (Tokyo).—Finals — Men's Singles: Z. Jianhua (Chi) beat H. Jian (Chi) 15-10, 15-13. Women's singles: W. Jianyin (Chi) beat K. Larsen (Den) 11-7, 8-11, 11-7. Men's Doubles: P. J. Bang and K. M. Song (S. Korea) beat C. Hadinata and Hadibowo (Indo) 17-14, 15-2. Women's Doubles: K. Y. Ja and Y. S. Hee (S. Korea) beat Jianyin and G. Weizhen (Chi) 15-3, 5-15, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: W. Gilliland (Scot) and G. Gowers (Eng) beat M. Dew and G. Gilks (Eng) 15-10, 18-15.

Fencing

NATIONAL EPEE CHAMPIONSHIP (De Beaumont Centre, London). — Final: R. Johnson beat J. Llewellyn 10-6. Third and fourth place fight-off: N. Kernohan beat D. Calderhead 10-6.

Cricket

SHEFFIELD SHIELD. — (Melbourne): Victoria 438, New South Wales 411-8 (Seabrook 165, Dyson 97; Bright 4-132). (Brisbane): Queensland 384 and 19-0, Tasmania 507-8 dec (Bradshaw 121, Faulkner 100, Goodman 88; Hohns 4-128).

FIFTH WOMEN'S TEST (Melbourne). — England 196 and 140-5; Australia 285-8 dec (J. Kennare 104).

Volleyball

FIRST DIVISION.—Men: Redwood Lodge 2, Capital CS 3; Leeds 2, Mizuno 3; Manchester 1, Poole 3; Liverpool 3, Brookfield 2; Speedwell 3; Brookfield 0, Mizuno 3; Liverpool 3, Poole 0.

Motor Sport

MONTE CARLO RALLY (after first three time-trials) 1, A. Vatanen (Fin, Peugeot) 31.49; 2, H. Toivonen (Finland, Lancia) 0.03; 3, S. Blomqvist (Sweden, Audi-Quattro) 0.12.

Skiing

MEN'S 50KM CROSS COUNTRY (Seefeld). — 1, G. Svan (Swe) 2hr 10 min 49.9 sec; 2, M. De Zolt (It) 2:11:52.6; 3, O. Aunli (Norway) 2:12:37.7.

FINAL MEDAL STANDINGS

	G	S	B	T
Norway	5	5	5	15
Finland	2	3	4	9
Sweden	2	1	1	4
West Germany	2	0	0	2
East Germany	1	0	2	3

Winter Sport

EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING (Eskilstuna, Swe) Men's 1,500m: 1, H. Vergeer (Neth) 2min. 00.31sec.

WORLD LUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Oberhof, E. Ger) Men's singles: 1, M. Walter (E. Ger) 3min. 02.959sec.; 2, J. Hoffmann (E. Ger) 3:03.564; 3, J. Mueller (E. Ger), 3:03.570.

WORLD CUP BIATHLON (Antersel va, Italy) Team (4 x 7.5 kms): 1, Soviet Union 1hr 38min. 37.6sec.; 2, E. Germany 1:39:05.1; 3, W. Germany 1:40:22.4.

TELEVISION

PROGRAMME GUIDE BY SANDY SMITHIES

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 30 Breakfast Time. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Pages from Ceefax. 11 55 Songs of Praise. Ceefax sub-titles. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 Postman Pat. 2 0 Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery. 2 25 See Hear! 2 50 International Snooker. 3 48 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 Superted. 4 15 Theseus the Hero. 4 30 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang. 4 55 John Craven's Newsround. 5 0 Blue Peter. Ceefax sub-titles. 5 25 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. 5 58 Weather.

6 0 **NEWS**; weather.

6 30 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

6 55 **SUPERSTARS.** *Eight sporting veterans* line up at RAF Cosford to compete for the Past Masters title in the sporting challenge — rugger's Phil Bennett, soccer's Billy Bonds and boxer John Stracey among them. D. Vine, R. Pickering the old hands on the commentary.

7 40 **SUBMARINE.** Ocean Safari → The Kill. "The sinking of the Belgrano had a tremendous effect on us." HMS Warspite's commander expands on his feelings about the notorious incident involving her sister sub. HMS Conqueror — and on homelier concerns, like trying to maintain a formal relationship with his men in cheek-by-jowel conditions — as the series continues. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 10 **PANORAMA:** No University For You? Nearly half a million potential undergraduates will be denied the opportunity of a university place, alleges this report, as a result of Government cuts. Richard Lindley reports on the squeeze which has forced university authorities to sacrifice student places in order to conserve money for research — and which has led to the most recent cuts, in the grants of those lucky enough to be accepted.

9 0 **NEWS**; weather.

9 25 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.** David Icke with highlights of the Wembley action on the day that sees *Jimmy White beginning* the defence of his Benson and Hedges Masters title, against Willie Thorne.

10 0 **THE PILOT.** Actor Cliff Robertson wrote and directed this 1979 drama, showing here now for the first time in which he also stars, as an airline pilot with a drink *problem which could affect* his response to a life-or death decison. Superb aerial photography lifts a fairly routine movie.

11 35 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.** Further coverage, and the result from Wembley Conference Centre.

12 10 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 25 pm Interval. 5 35-5 58 Wales Today. 6 30-6 55 *Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.*

Scotland: 6 30 pm Reporting Scotland. 6 55 The Superteams. 7 40-8 10 Superscot.

Northern Ireland: 12 12 am Farm View. 12 40 News; weather; close.

BBC-2

9 0 am Pages from Ceefax. 9 15 Daytime on Two: Job Bank; 9 38 Going to Work; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Music Time; 10 38 Twentieth-century History; 11 0 Zig Zag. (Ceefax sub-titles); 11 23 La Maree et Ses Secrets; 11 42 General Studies; 12 10 pm 16 up — The YTS Report; 12 40 Plants in Action; 1 5 Rockschool; 1 30 Pages from Ceefax; 1 38 Scotland this Century; 2 0 Words and Pictures; 2 18 The History Trail; 2 40 The Music Arcade. 3 0 Pages from Ceefax. 3 45 International Snooker.

5 25 **NEWS** with sub-titles; weather.

5 30 **SHOW ME SHOW.** John Craven and Maggie Philbin with more phenomena, including musical sculp*tures and water divining, in* the re-run series.

6 0 **COME NEXT SPRING.** Ann Sheridan is the latest star in the Hollywood Ladies season, well served by this intelligent, well-acted drama, made in 1955.

7 30 **100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS:** Stan's Farewell. Marking Sir Stanley Matthews' 70th birthday this week, highlights of his last testimonial match in September, 1965 with Pushkas, Greaves, Di Stefano helping to send him off.

7 45 **VEGETARIAN KITCHEN:** Rice And Grains. More repeated recipes from Sarah Brown.

8 10 **THE BOB MONKHOUSE SHOW.** Michael Barrymore, Peter Cook and American *Bill Maher* are the *visiting* comics eliciting the usual effusiveness from their host this week.

9 0 **HILARY.** More misadventures of the coltish, chaotic mediagirl *(Marti* Caine).

9 30 **HORIZON:** A Mission To Heal. In East Africa a quarter of all children die before the age of five — not from the *exotic tropical* diseases but from illnesses that the West can cure or prevent — like polio, tetanus, TB and, *particularly, gastroenteritis.* Tonight's film shows how one small mission hospital is launching its own counter-offensive, through a whole new approach to health care. The story is told by the doctors and nurses of Ortum Hospital themselves, and by bush surgeon Michael Wood, who founded the East African Flying Doctor Service.

10 20 **SEABROOK'S YEAR.** 3: The Shearing Season. Don Haworth's portrait of Suffolk shepherd and farm worker Richard Seabrook follows him through the busiest eight weeks of his year.

10 50 **NEWSNIGHT.**

11 35 **TELE-JOURNAL.** Chantal Cuer with the evening's news, as seen by French viewers earlier, and a little help with the translation. 12 5 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines; Schools: Picture Box; 9 47 Let's Read with Basil Brush; 9 59 Stop, Look, Listen; 10. 12 Starting Science; 10 32 The English Programme; 11 2 Seeing and Doing; 11 20 Junior Maths; 11 38 The French Programme. 12 0 Tickle on the Tum. 12 10 pm Let's Pretend. 12 30 Voices in the Dark. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 Film: Stella Dallas 1937 weepie with Barbara Stanwyck. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 Tickle on the Tum. 4 15 The Moomins. 4 20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4 45 Chocky's Children. 5 15 Emmerdale Farm.

5 45 **NEWS**; weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS** with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.

6 25 **HELP!** with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **AUTOMANIA:** Staying Alive. Latest programme in the series underlines the extraordinary and sobering fact that between 15 and 20 million people have died in road accidents in the past 100 years. *Governments'* ideas for reducing the toll range from random breath tests in Australia to motorists' prisons with a re-education programme in Japan. Yet, says one road safety expert, half of all road deaths could be averted if manufacturers were to apply safety measures that are feasible with current technology — and if the buyer was prepared to pay an extra 20 per cent, in real terms. Oracle sub-titles.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **FULL HOUSE:** It's Only Money. More comedy with the house-sharing couples, as Paul (Christopher Strauli) takes an out-of-character gamble, and all four face eviction. *Oracle sub-titles.*

8 30 **WORLD IN ACTION.** Father And Son — Before the miners' strike the Cunninghams were a particularly close knit family, so too was the community in Ashington, Northumberland, where they lived. World In Action shows what the strike has done not just to the Cunningham family but to the whole of Ashington.

9 0 **QUINCY:** Sword Of Honour, Blade of Death. Another investigation for the medical detective (Jack Klugman).

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN**; weather.

10 30 **THE LEGEND OF HELL HOUSE.** Pamela Franklin, Roddy McDowall, Gayle Hunnicutt lead superior haunted-house chiller about a group of expert researchers who agree to investigate psychic manifestations.

12 15 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Mathoor Krishnamurti. Closedown.

Channel 4

2 35 pm Vietnam — The Ten Thousand Day War. 3 0 The Late Late Show. 4 0 A Plus 4. 4 30 Countdown. 5 0 Alice. 5 30 Me and My Micro.

6 0 **WHERE IN THE WORLD?** Ray Alan chairs another round of the travel quiz.

6 30 **BABY, BABY:** Lady Sings The Blues. Paula Yates and Jools Holland with more impressions of childbirth and after, from and for first-time parents.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment. By Terry Butkeraitis, local NUM president of Whitwell Colliery, North Derbyshire.

8 0 **BROOKSIDE.**

8 30 **RELATIVE STRANGERS.** Matthew Kelly, Mark Farmer as happy bachelor and new-found son in the unsympathetic sitcom, now having words about home economics.

9 0 **THE DECADE OF DESTRUCTION.** The Blazing Of The Trail. Second of Adrian Cowell's two repeated documentaries putting the tragic kidnap of young Fabio by Brazilian Indians into the wider context of the conflict between farmers and jungle tribes, and of the destruction of the rain forest.

10 0 **ST ELSEWHERE:** Rough Cut. Another visit to the Boston hospital where the young medics are on pins as they await news of their future, and Dr Fiscus is about to become a pin-up.

10 55 **COURT REPORT:** Regina v Ponting. Channel Four's ground-breaking coverage of the trial which opened at the Old Bailey today is based on detailed transcripts of the day's proceedings, which are then edited down into extracts and read out by actors. Depending of course, on *whether the court is sitting in open* session. Late night reports will hopefully continue while the trial lasts.

11 25 **VISIONS:** Shanghai Cinema. Another showing, to coincide with the NFT's Chinese season, for a programme on the history and development of Chinese cinema over the past 50 years.

12 10 Close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Countdown. 1 30 Face the Press. 2 0 Ffenestri. 2 20 Mali a Maldwyn. 2 35 Daearyddiaeth. 2 55 Egwyl. 3 10 Film: Give My Regards to Broadway (1948) with Dan Dailey, Charles Winninger. 4 45 Dan Draed. 5 0 Drycha! 5 30 Discovery. 5 55 The Addams Family. 6 25 Diar, Diar, Doctor. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Arolwg. 8 0 Treasure Hunt. 9 0 Y Cleciwr. 9 30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10 0 Snwcer. 10 30 Families. 11 15 Billiards. 11 55 The Other Side of the Tracks. 12 55 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 Film: Letters from Frank (1979). With Art Carney, Maureen Stapleton.
3 25 As London.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 30 Diff'rent Strokes.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Anglia Reports.
11 0 The Streets of San Francisco.
12 0 The Bounder.
12 30 Marriage Matters; close.

Central

6 15 As London.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Film: The Hireling. (1973). With Robert Shaw, Sarah Miles.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Happy Days.
5 45 News.
6 0 Central News.
7 0 As London.
10 35 Venture.
11 5 Darts.
12 5 Contact.
12 25 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 Lunchtime Live.
2 0 Film: Doctor in Distress (1963), with Dirk Bogarde, Samantha Eggar.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 30 I Believe.
7 0 As London.
10 35 Peterborough Festival of Country Music.
11 0 The Master.
12 0 News in French; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 Film: Swanee River. 1939 musical with Don Ameche, Al Jolson.
3 0 Gems.
3 25 Granada Reports News.
3 30 Scramble.
4 0 As London.
5 15 The Beverly Hillbillies.
5 45 News.
6 0 Scramble.
6 30 Granada Reports.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Film: The Lovers. 1972 comedy with Richard Beckinsale, Paula Wilcox.
12 20 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Film: The Son of Monte Cristo. 1940 swashbuckler with Louis Hayward, Joan Bennett, George Sanders.
3 30 As London.
5 15 Keep It in the Family.
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Peter Saunders at Home.
11 0 Film: Rampage. 1963 melodrama with Robert Mitchum, Elsa Martinelli, Jack Hawkins.
12 45 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0 pm Wales at Six. 10 30 The Dragon has Two Tongues. 11 0 The Irish Weave. 11 30 Kojak. 12 25 Weather; close.

South

6 15 As London.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Afternoon Club; Film: The Challenge. 1960 crime drama with Jayne Mansfield, Anthony Quayle.
3 27 TVS News.
3 30 As London.
5 15 Sons and Daughters.
5 45 News.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 40 Airmail.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Questions.
11 15 Kojak.
12 15 Company; close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 Lunchtime Live.
2 0 Film: Doctor in Distress. 1963 comedy with Dirk Borgarde, Samantha Eggar, James Robertson Justice.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-west.
6 30 Diff'rent Strokes.
7 0 As London.
10 35 Peterborough Country Music Festival.
11 0 The Master.
12 0 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
1 20 North-East News; Look-around.
1 30 Film: It's a Great Day. 1956 comedy with Ruth Dunning, Edward Evans.
3 0 Bygones.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 45 News.
6 2 Mr and Mrs.
6 30 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
9 0 Magnum.
10 0 News at Ten.
10 30 Night Line.
11 45 Barney Miller.
12 15 International Youth Year; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
1 20 Calendar News.
1 30 Film: Doctor in Trouble. 1970 comedy with Leslie Phillips, Harry Secombe.
3 10 Serpent River Paddlers.
3 25 A Country Practice.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Benson.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 30 Enterprise 85.
7 0 As London.
10 30 Calendar Commentary.
11 0 Prisoner: Cell Block H.
12 0 Close.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Gary Byrd. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 midnight John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 *Gloria Hunniford.* 3 30 Music all the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 Paul Heiney. 8 0 (VHF) Alan Dell: Dance Band Days; Big Band Era. 8 0 (medium wave) Soccer Special. 9 0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10 0 Cinema Scrapbook: 1962. 10 30 Star Sound. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 3 0-4 0 Folk on 2.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News; Morning Concert.
9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Debussy, sketches and studies for piano. Dance — Tarantelle styrienne (Pascal Roge); Arabesques 1 and 2 (Marguerite Long); D'un cahier d'esquisses (the composer); Etudes Book 1, Nos 1-6; Images 1894 (Livia Rev); Masques (Pascal Roge).
10 0 Violin and Piano (Peter Manning and Julian Jacobson). Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2; Beethoven: Sonata Op. 23.
10 45 Schumann: Symphony No. 2. Berlin PO, Kubelik.
11 25 Strauss, Rodrigo and Poulenc Songs: Yvonne Kenny (soprano), Lawrence Skrobacs (piano). Strauss: Ich schwebe: Ich woll-t'ein Strausslein *binden; Amor;* Rodrigo: Cuatro madrigales amatorios; Poulenc: Fiancailles pour rire.
12 0 Ulster Orchestra, cond Maurice Handford. Bax: Cathaleen-ni-Hoolihan; Delius: Air and Dance; Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music; York Bowen: Suite for Orchestra.
1 0 News; BBC Lunchtime Concert: *Alicia de* Larrocha (piano). Soler: Two sonatas; Mompou: Musica Callada Book IV; Oscar Espla: Sonata Espanola.
2 0 Music Weekly: Centenary assessment of Jerome Kern; problems of last movements; Kubelik on being composer and conductor.
2 45 New Records. Beethoven: Overture Egmont (LPO, Klaus Tennstedt); Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto (Itzhak Perlman, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Haitink); Varese: Deserts (Ensemble Intercontemporain, Boulez); Enesco: Seven Songs of Clement Marot (Sarah Walker, Roger Vignoles); Smetana: String Quartet No. 2 (Talich Quartet); Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 (Berlin PO, Karajan).
4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Music for Organ. Stephen Cleobury in Thorney Abbey. Camidge: Concerto in G minor; C. Wesley: Prelude and Fugue in A minor; S. Wesley: Air and Gavotte; S. S. Wesley: Choral Song and Fugue.
7 0 Shaping the Curriculum. Discussion on DES proposals for a centrally directed school curriculum.
7 45 Verdi's Operas: La forza de *destino (1869 version). Sung in* Italian with Leontyne Price (Leonora), Placido Domingo (Don Alvaro), Sherrill Milnes (Don Carlo), LSO, James Levine. Interval at 9 10.
11 0 Another World. Music from West Java played by the Sunda Company.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Week.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today, including 7 0, 8 0 News.
8 35 The Week on 4.
8 43 Ian Skidmore hunts through the Sound Archives for favourite clips.
9 0 News; Start the Week with Richard Baker.
10 0 News; Money Box. Finance advice.
10 30 Morning Story: The Face of Winter, by James Hanley.
10 45 Daily Service from Manchester.
11 0 News; Down Your Way in Reading.
11 48 Poetry Please!
12 0 News; You and Yours: Consumer news.
12 27 Don't Stop Now — It's Fundation. *Comedy* cabaret.
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour: the time-consuming, expensive and harrowing business of proving medical negligence.
3 0 News; Afternoon Play: Ceremonies of War, by Philip Purser. A young man's experiences of war from 1942-45.
4 30 Weigh-In. *Slimming* and health magazine, with a visit to a Bristol fitness centre.
4 40 Story Time: The 27th Kingdom, by Alice Thomas Ellis (1).
5 0 PM. News magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 The News Quiz. Panel game for journalists.
7 0 News; The Archers.
7 20 Enterprise: Straight Lines — profile of an award-winning jewellery manufacturer.
7 45 Science Now. Latest discoveries and developments.
8 15 The Monday Play: Quintet in October, by Allan Massie. Five brothers and sisters gather for their domineering mother's funeral.
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: Second from Last in the Sack-Race, by David Nobbs (6).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 Schools. 1 55 pm Listening Corners. 2 5-3 0 Schools. 11 0-11 30 Study on 4. 12 30-1 10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 10 *Farming Week.* 6 25 *Daioni* Roberts. 7 33 AM. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 11 30 Fair Play. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 Alun Williams. 3 5 That's How It Was. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 *As Radio 4.* 7 0 *Catchphrase* 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 9 30 On Show. 10 0 Folk on Monday. 11 2-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gwoler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Brecwast Hwyr. 9 45 Gwynfyd. 10 30 Llafur Cariad. 11 0 Newyddion Da. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin Ddyddiol. 12 27 pm Drama'r Wythnos. 1 0 Ar Yr Awr. 1 20 Garddio. 1 50 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 30 The Afternoon Play. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Wales. 7 5 Gweler Radio 4. 9 45 Ffresgo. 10 15 Newyddion: Sioe Fideo Radio Cymru. 11 30 Gweler Radio 4. 12 30-1 10 am close Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 0 News: In the Country. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 5 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Prospect. 5 35 Tell Me More. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The Musician in Scotland. 8 2 As Radio 2. 10 0 News: Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close As Radio 4.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHz (463m) at the following times GMT: 6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 7 30 Sarah and Company. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Puckoon. 8 30 Anything Goes. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 Waveguide. 9 25 Good Books. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Peebles' Choice. 10 0 News; Science in Action. 10 30 Music Now. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 The Art of Gerald Moore. 12 0 noon Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Quote, Unquote. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 Tippett at 80. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 The Music of Life. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Mainstream. 3 45 The Art of Gerald Moore. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Putting Politics in its Place. 4 30 Sweet Soul Music. 4 45 The World Today. 5 0 News. 5 9 Book Choice. 5 15 Jazz Score. 8 0 News. 9 15 Short Takes. 9 30 Rock Salad. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Sweet Soul Music. 11 30 Quote, Unquote. 12 0 midnight News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Sarah and Company. 1 0 News; Outlook. 1 30 Short Story. 1 45 Out on the Floor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network U.K. 2 30 Sports International. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 John Peel. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 The Classical Guitar. 5 45 The World Today.

ENTERTAINMENTS GUIDE

THEATRES

London

ADELPHI THEATRE. 836 7611. CC 836 7358/741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123. THE "LAMBETH WALK" MUSICAL ME & MY GIRL ROBERT LINDSAY FRANK THORNTON EMMA THOMPSON Prev from Feb 2. Opens Feb 12.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565. 379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123. 836 3962. 379 7179. Evgs 8. Thurs Mat 3 0. Sat. 5 0 and 8 15. "OH BOY WHAT A HOOT" (P O Neill) Daily Mail. Sandy Wilson's Wondrous Musical Mail on Sunday THE BOY FRIEND "Blissfully Funny" Times "A Ripping Show" D. Tel. LAST WEEK. ENDS SAT.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC. 379 6565/379 6433. Grp. Sales. 930 6125/836 3962. Previews from Feb. 14. Evgs. 8 00. Sat. 5 00 & 8.15. Opens Feb 21 7.00. PATRICK MOWER ADRIENNE POSTA in THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH The Famous Comedy by GEORGE AXELROD. Directed by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS. Advance Box Office Now Open.

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APOLLO Shafts Ave. S CC 01-437 2663. 434 3598. Grp. Sales 01-930 6123. Mon. to Fri. 8.00. Thurs. 3.00. Sat. 5.00 & 8.30. KEITH BAXTER MILO O'SHEA in "CORPSE!" by Gerald Moon "A WILD COMEDY THRILLER." D. Mail. "NOT SO MUCH A WHODUNNIT AS A WHODUNNIT TO WHOM". ½ price on top price seats for children, all Mat. perfs. MUST END SATURDAY

APOLLO VICTORIA. 828 8665. CC 630 6262. Group Sales 930 6123 STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION." D. Exp. Evgs. 7.45. Mats. Tue. & Sat. 3.0. BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 am-8 pm. 100 TICKETS ARE HELD FOR Tuesday matinees only, available at the Box Office from 10 am on day of performance, limited to 2 per person. Some £2 standing room tickets are available ½ hour before every performance for the unwaged and students.

ARTS THEATRE. 836 2132 / 3334. GLC BLACK THEATRE SEASON Evgs. 8.0. Temba Theatre Co. presents SCRAPE OFF THE BLACK. "Beautifully acted, tautly directed," F.T. "Dramatic portrayal," Gdn.

ASTORIA THEATRE (next to Tottenham Court Road Station). Box Office 734 4287/8/9. CC 379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123. ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER presents MELVYN BRAGG & HOWARD GOODALL'S THE HIRED MAN "UNBEATABLE & UNMISSABLE" Punch. "Howard Goodall's score is one of the finest I have heard in a British musical in years." Guardian. "A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR & A MAGNIFICENT BRITISH ACHIEVEMENT" Time Out. "THE BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" Punch. Evgs. 8.0. Mats Wed. 3.0, Sat. 4.0.

AMBASSADORS. 836 6111. CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. Tues. Mat. 3.0. THE LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY ALAN AYCKBOURN'S INTIMATE EXCHANGES This Week AFFAIRS IN A TENT Directed by ALAN AYCKBOURN "The most exciting theatrical concept to have hit the West End since The Norman Conquests." S. Express.

BARBICAN. 01-628 8795/638 8891. CC (Mon.-Sun. 10 am-8 pm). For inclusive hotel/ticket package 01-330 7111.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

BARBICAN THEATRE. MOTHER COURAGE by Brecht "a magnificent revival." F. Times, ton't-Wed 7.30. Thurs. 2 & 7.30 (runs 3-hrs 10) THE COMEDY OF ERRORS "an uproarious evening." S. Tel Feb 1-2. Cheap day seats £5 from 10 am. THE PIT. BREAKING THE SILENCE by Poliakoff "spellbinding." S. Times Ton't-Thurs. 7 30 (runs 2½ hrs). WASTE by Granville-Barker, Feb 1-2. THE DEVILS by Whiting, Feb 5-7.

BUSH THEATRE. 743 3388. GERTRUDE STEIN AND A COMPANION by Win Wells. Tues. to Sat. 8 pm. Final Week.

COMEDY 01-930 2578. CC 839 1438. Evgs 8.0. Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. BEST MUSICAL—Evg Std. THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING SMASH HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 2nd GREAT YEAR "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS"—T. Out. SEATS at some perfs from £6. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

COTTESLOE. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's small auditorium — low price tkts.). Tod't., Tomor. 7.30, then Jan. 30 & 31 FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepard. (Transfers to Lyric Shaftsbury Ave., Feb. 4.) Ton't. 6 pm Into a Mad Man's Rags. 45 min. platform perf. all tkts. £1.80.

CRITERION. S. 930 3216. CC 379 6565/741 9999/379 6433. Groups 836 3962. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 2.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. THE DAILY MIRROR & THE DAILY MAIL AGREE . . . BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH JACK SMETHURST PETER SALLIS in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 700 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Express. Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St., Cov. Gdn. 379 6433 / 379 6565. HULL TRUCK at 7.30 1984 COMEDY OF THE YEAR UP 'N' UNDER At 10 pm BOUNCERS (ends 11.10). Written and directed by John Godber. Tickets £5.90/£4.90.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL. 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066. 01-240 9067. DAVID MERRICK'S Award Winning Broadway Musical 42ND STREET "A BLISSFUL EVENING, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR A MUSICAL TO HAVE AND STILL PLENTY MORE — DAZZLING!" D. Mail. "EXHILARATING." D. Tel. "YOU WON'T FIND A SHOW IN LONDON WITH MORE RAZZLE DAZZLE," D. Exp. Evgs. 8.0. Mats Wed. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.30. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Booking until July. BOX OFFICE OPEN Mon.-Sat. 10 am-8 pm.

DUKE OF YORK'S. S 836 5122. CC 836 9837/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8. Mat. Thu. 3. Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std. STEPPING OUT The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out "Had the first night audience yelling for more." D. Mail. "Must surely take the town . . . GO NOW," D. Tel. "Roars of approval," Times. "It's going to tap, tap, tap forever," N.o.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash Hit Comedy . . . A GREAT EVENING." BBC

DOMINION THEATRE, Tot. Ct. Rd., W1. 01-580 9562/3. CC 01-323 1576/7. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Tues., Wed., Sat. 2.30. Until Feb. 9 KEITH HARRIS & ORVILLE in HUMPTY DUMPTY A new Musical Pantomime 2 for 1 Mon. to Thurs. perfs. £2 OFF: Children & OAPs Fri. & Sat. perfs. Tickets from £3.50 to £7.50.

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GLOBE. CC 437 1592. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the COMEDY OF THE YEAR Soc of West End Theatre Award '83 DAISY PULLS IT OFF By Denise Deegan Directed by David Gilmore "ABSOLUTELY SPIFFING." D. Tel. "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY." Std. "A gold star to Daisy for a delightful show." Daily Mail. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 4.0. Group Sales 930 6123 "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT & A SCREAM." Sunday Times. SECOND GREAT YEAR

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Evgs 7.45. Mats Sat. 2.30. CIDER WITH ROSIE by LAURIE LEE. Adapted for the stage by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS. "A most appealing show" Time Out. Extended to Feb. 2.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. 722 9301 Evngs 8.0. Sat. Mat. 4.30. THE POWER OF THE DOG By Howard Barker.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. MAGGIE SMITH JOAN PLOWRIGHT & MICHAEL JAYSTON in THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF THE WAY OF THE WORLD Directed by William Gaskill "Maggie Smith returns to our stage in glory." F. Times. "The most outstanding achievement was that of Joan Plowright." Std. "William Gaskill's superb production." Punch. Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed. 2.30. Sat. 3.0. FOR A LIMITED SEASON.

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH. S. CC 741 2311. Evgs. 7.30. Thurs. & Sat. Mat at 2.30. The Super Soul Musical THE WIZ "IT'S A RIGHT-ON 'GET ON DOWN' HIT GOSPELLING MUSICAL BONANZA." F.T. "Looks and sounds stunning." Times. LAST WEEK

LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave. 437 3686/7. CC 434 1050. 434 1550. 8 WEEKS ONLY. FEB. 4 to MAR. 31: THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION JULIE WALTERS IAN CHARLESON FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepard Directed by Peter Gill "Blazingly impressive performances in a throat-clutcher of a play" Mail on Sunday.

LYTTELTON. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Ton't., Tomor. 7.45, Wed. 3.00 (low price mat.) & 7.45, then Feb. 11 to 16 (last perfs.) ROUGH CROSSING adapted by Tom Stoppard from Molnar's comedy.

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MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon.-Thur. 8. Fri./Sat. 5.40 & 8.10. Grp. 930 6123. RICHARD TODD ERIC LANDER, ANNETTE ANDRE THE BUSINESS OF MURDER The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris. "The best thriller for years." S. Mir. "An unabashed winner." S. Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational." Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen." D. Mail. 4th GREAT YEAR OVER 1,500 PERFORMANCES

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568. CC 01-741 9999. Seat from any Keith Prowse, no booking fee. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Evgs. 7.30. Tues. & Thurs. Mats. 3.0. LOU HIRSCH CLIVE MANTLE and SUSAN PENHALIGON in OF MICE AND MEN STEINBECK'S timeless masterpiece

NATIONAL THEATRE. South Bank. NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES UNDER OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE Excellent cheap seats day of perf. all three theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). CHEAP EASY CAR PARK.

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OLD VIC. 928 7616. CC 261 1821. Eves 7.30. Sats. 7.45. Wed. & Sat. Mats. 2.30. ROY DOTRICE "A performance full of sensitivity". BBC. SHEILA BURRELL "gives a performance of rare pathos". S. Tel. LEON GREENE "is a joy". S. Tel. TONY JAY "outstandingly good", F.T. CHARLES LEWSON "hilarious . . . frenetic", Std. LYNN CLAYTON COLLIN JOHNSON IAN McCURRACH GREAT EXPECTATIONS Adapted and Directed by Peter Coe MUST END SAT.

OLD VIC. 928 7616. CC 261 1821. ANTHONY HOPKINS SAMANTHA EGGAR ALAN DOBIE COLIN FIRTH in THE LONELY ROAD by Arthur Schnitzler directed by Christopher Fettes Reduced price preview Feb. 5. Opens Feb. 6 FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY. BOOK NOW!

OLIVIER. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's open stage) Low price previews Ton't., Tomor., Wed. 7.15, Opens Thur. 7.00, Then Feb. 1 & 2 & Feb. 8 to 11 THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR by Gogol, version by Adrian Mitchell.

PALACE THEATRE. 437 6834. CC 437 8327/379 6433. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123. THE MOST AWARD WINNING MUSICAL GALINA PANOVA HONOR BLACKMAN JOHN BENNETT TIM FLAVIN in RODGERS & HART'S ON YOUR TOES with SIOBHAN McCARTHY and NICHOLAS JOHNSON On Wednesday evening & Saturday Matinee the leading role will be played by DOREEN WELLS "'ON YOUR TOES' contains more joy than anything else on the London stage" Guardian. "One of the biggest theatrical firecrackers in London," Sunday Times. "SHEER BLISS" Daily Telegraph. Evgs. 7.45, Mat. Thur. & Sat. 2.30. Pre-theatre buffet from 6.45.

PHOENIX THEATRE. 240 9661. CC 836 2294/379 6433. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Mon-Thurs. 7.45 Fri./Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. GRIFF RHYS JONES GWEN TAYLOR in TRUMPETS AND RASPBERRIES A New Comedy by DARIO FO "INSPIRED clowning" S. Tel. "INSPIRED NONSENSE". Fin. Times. "INSPIRED inventions" D. Mail. "INSPIRED FUN" Standard. "VENGEFULLY ELEGANT" S. Tms.

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PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE 01-930 8681/2. CC Hotline 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 930 6123. SHEILA WHITE in LITTLE ME A Musical Comedy "POSITIVELY SPARKLES" D. Exp. "SPLENDID." D. Mirror. Evgs. 7.30. Mats Thurs. & Sats. 3.0. RUSS ABBOT ILL. ABSENT TODAY.

PRINCE OF WALES 01-930 8681/2 CC HOTLINE 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 01-930 6123, K. Prowse 01-741 9999. THE NATIONAL THEATRE'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL GUYS AND DOLLS Opens June 19 — Booking through January 86

QUEENS THEATRE. 734 1166. 734 1167. 734 0261. 734 0120. 439 3849. 439 4031. Grp. Sls. 930 6123. CHARLTON HESTON and BEN CROSS in HERMAN WOUK'S THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL Reduced price previews Tues. 26 Feb. at 7.30. Wed. 27 Feb. at 3.00 & 7.30. Opens Thur., Feb 28, at 7.0. Subs. evgs Mon.-Fri. 7.30. Sat. 8.15. Mats. Wed. 3.0. Sats. 5.0.

RAYMOND SHOWBAR AT LA VIE EN ROSE cr Gt Windmill Street W1. 437 6312/8380. Paul Raymond presents A Sensational New Concept in Erotic Entertainment RAZZLE DAZZLE BURLESQUE SHOW A Full Frontal Erotic Exposure Takes to unprecedented limits what is sexually permissible on the London stage. Two shows nightly 9 pm and 11 pm. Open from 7.30 pm. Licensed until 3 am.

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ROYAL COURT S CC. 730 1745. EDWARD BOND SEASON Extended until March 9. SAVED Tont., tomor., Fri. & Sat. THE POPE'S WEDDING Wed., Thur. "Neither production should be missed," FT. 8 pm. Sat. Mats. 3 pm.

ST MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Special CC No. 01-379 6433. Evgs. 8.0. Tues. 2.45. Sats 5.0 & 8.0. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP 33rd Year SORRY, no reduced prices from any source, but seats bkble. from £3.50.

STRAND WC2. 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Evgs. 7.30. Wed. 2.30. Saturdays 5.0 and 8.30. MICHAEL PENNINGTON LUCY GUTTERIDGE in the 3rd year of TOM STOPPARD'S THE REAL THING "I BELIEVE THAT 'THE REAL THING' WILL COME TO BE SEEN AS ONE OF THE BEST ENGLISH PLAYS OF THIS CENTURY" J. PETER, S. Times. Directed by PETER WOOD. LAST 3 WEEKS.

SADLER'S WELLS. 278 8916. Until Feb. 9. Evgs. 7 (Sat. 7.30). Mats. 2.0 (Sat. 2.30) THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS A New Musical Starring TERRY SCOTT "Toad" PATRICK CARGILL "Ratty" DONALD HEWLETT "Badger" & MELVYN HAYES "Mole" "Few hearts would remain unmoved." Gdn. 278 0855 for Stagecoach (theatrebus) & Winter prog. Grp Sales 930 6123.

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VAUDEVILLE 01-836 9987/836 5645. Evgs. 7.45. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30. PLAY OF THE YEAR LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD POLLY ADAMS CLIVE FRANCIS JAN WATERS GLYN GRAIN MICHAEL FRAYN'S New Play BENEFACTORS Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE "BEST NEW PLAY IN TOWN" Punch.

VICTORIA PALACE. 01-834 1317. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Wed. & Sats. 2.45. Prevs. March 2-13 OPENS MARCH 14 MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM BOX OFFICE OPEN 9 am-9 pm.

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CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL. Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-628 8795 / 638 8891. Tont. 7.45 Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra. Antoni Wit cond. Nigel Kennedy violin. GLINKA: Overture "Russian and Ludmilla." BRAHMS: Violin Concerto PENDERECKI: The Awakening of Jacob MUSSORGSKY ARR. RAVEL: Pictures at an Exhibition.

CINEMAS

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BARBICAN CINEMA. 628 8795. Student reducts. on all perfs. Ton't. 6.00 Sword and Flute (PG). Shiva (PG). 8.00 The Home and the World (U).
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ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738). THE KEY (18). Sep progs. 2.0, 5.0, 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa bookings welcome.
ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE. (930 6111). Info. 930 4250/4259. WATER (15). Sep. progs. Doors open 1.45, 4.45, 7.45. Advance Booking for 7.45 perf. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929. 24 hour service. £2.00 seats Monday all perfs.
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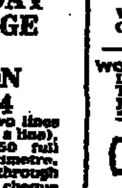
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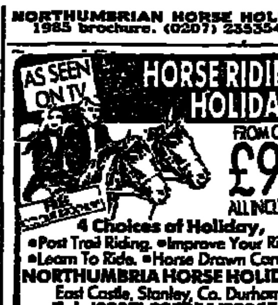
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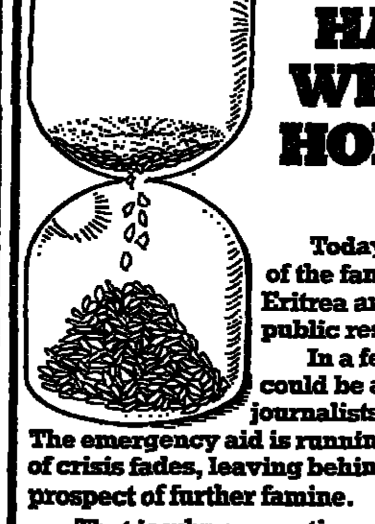
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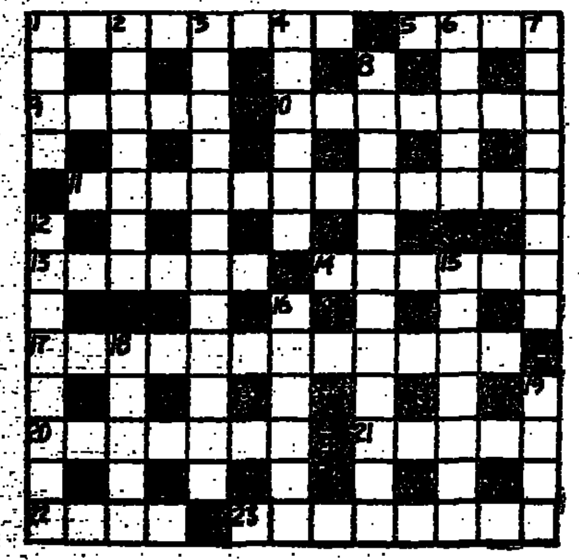
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ACROSS
1 Precautionary device (4-4).
5 Streetcar (4).
9 Maxim used as rule of conduct (5).
10 Soothing, probably insincere tone (7).
11 Many and diverse (12).
13 Wait patiently (like Brer Fox) (3, 3).
14 Small stone (6).
17 Emphatic qualification (flourishing!) (8, 4).
20 First is this sort of number (7).
21 Indian emperor — magnate (5).
22 Go to the bottom (4).
23 Ballet (water with birds) (4, 4).

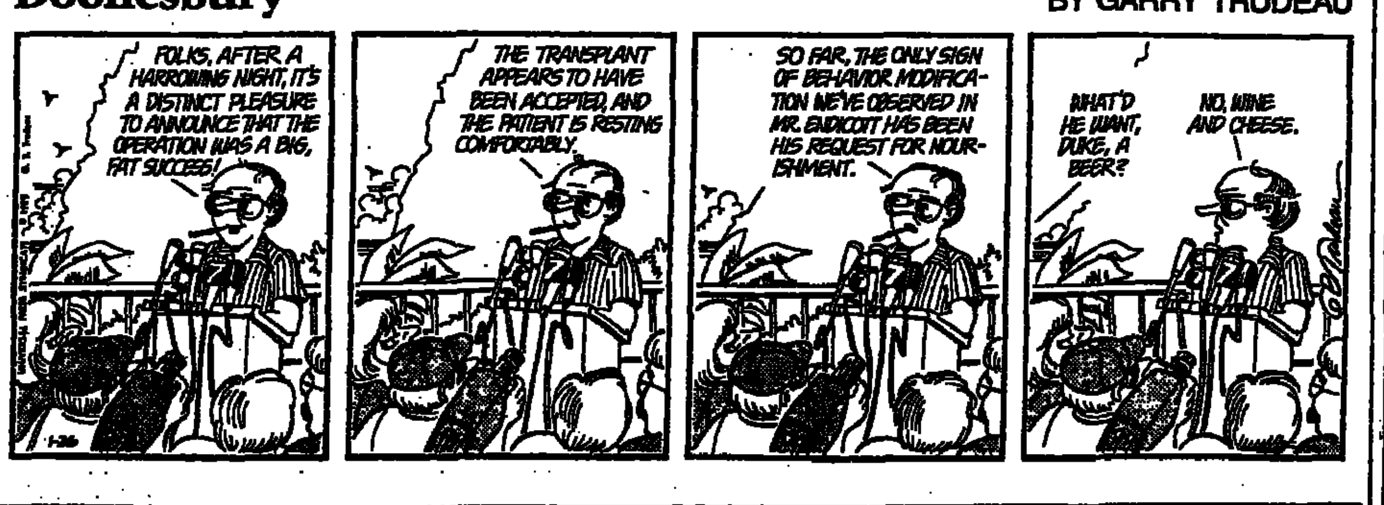
DOWN
1 Renown (4).
2 Enter uninvited (7).
3 Not enough food (not long Lords!) (5, 7).
4 Soft and light (hair) (6).
6 Pachyderm (5).
7 Governmental head of department (8).
8 Abusive term for the Roman Church (7, 5).
12 Sums bloc (anag) — ground plant (4-4).
15 Italian city (7).
16 Entrance (of liquid) (6).
18 Ancient (days) (5).
19 Smoke duct (4).

Solution No. 4,618

Across: 1 Hemisphere; 7 Humming; 8 Wight; 10 Sand; 11 Orthodox; 13 Banana; 15 Frayed; 17 Applique; 18 Sari; 21 Drive; 22 Mileage; 23 Plate glass.
Down: 1 He-man; 2 Mail; 3 Sugary; 4 Hawthorn; 5 Rigidly; 6 Chess-board; 9 Taxi-driver; 12 Incident; 14 Nuptial; 16 Nutmeg; 19 Amass; 20 Plea.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Steve Bell



No sign of deal emerging on price of marker crude

Head-on clash for ministers in Opec oil talks

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

The revolutionary and conservative states within Opec were last night shaping up for a bitter battle over whether to reduce the price of the organisation's key marker crude.

The marker crude, Arabian Light, is the one against which all other Opec crudes are priced. For contract it now sells at $29 a barrel, but it has fallen in the spot market to less than $28.

A cut in the price of Arabian Light would have the blessing of Opec's most important producer, Saudi Arabia, and help to bring the organisation's pricing structure into line with the reality of the market. But Opec's radicals, Iran, Libya and Algeria, would see it as a victory for the West and they accused the Saudis of trying to engineer a price reduction for the sake of the richer and developed nations.

The revolutionaries won an important victory on Saturday when the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, Doctor Mana Saeed al-Otaiba, told reporters that Opec's marketing monitoring committee, on which Iran, Libya and Algeria are all represented, would recommend to the full ministerial conference, which begins in Geneva today, that there should be no change in the marker.

The divisions about what to do about the marker are reflected in another dispute about how to narrow the difference between the prices of the lightest and heaviest crudes, now $3.75 a barrel. Changes in refining technique have meant that the oil companies can get virtually the same value in terms of products out of a barrel of the traditionally lower-priced heavy crude as they can from a barrel of the traditionally higher-priced light ones.

The radicals within Opec argue, against the run of the market, that the way to close the gap would be for the producers of heavy crudes to raise their prices rather than for the producers of light ones to lower theirs.

At the last ministerial conference in December the price of heavy crudes was increased by 50 cents and Sheikh Yamani has said that a further increase is out of the question.

Jenkin to make first rate-cap orders

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent.

Mr Patrick Jenkin said yesterday that he will go ahead with laying the first of his parliamentary Orders next week to enforce rate-capping without waiting for negotiations to begin with the local authority side.

Over the weekend, Mr Jenkin and Mr David Blunkett, Labour leader of Sheffield, agreed that collective talks would be held on February 4. They will be attended by the leaders of 16 Labour councils on the rate-capping hit list and nine other Labour authorities which claim that they are being insufferably treated by grant penalties.

The Environment Secretary said yesterday on the Channel 4 programme, Face the Press, that the parliamentary timetable obliged him to publish Orders in the middle of next week to give force to rate limits for the four upper tier authorities of Merseyside, South Yorkshire, the GLC and the Inner London Education Authority.

It is understood that Mr Jenkin has it in mind to relax the provisional rate limit which he announced for Ilea before Christmas. He will explain that this is a technical adjustment caused by new information becoming available about the state of Ilea's financial balances.

Mr Jenkin used his television appearance to sow seeds of disunity among the Labour councils. He said that although none of their politicians has come forward to talk about the financial position of their individual councils they had nonetheless provided the DoE with bundles of information "inches thick" in an attempt to get their rate limits revised.

The councils were maintaining yesterday that nothing had breached their united stand of non-compliance with the rates act.

Mr Blunkett appealed to Mr Jenkin to make available his undisclosed assumptions about council finances which the Government used to calculate the rate limits last month.

If Mr Jenkin goes ahead with his parliamentary Orders this week, he is likely to be faced with legal actions from the four councils involved. Each of them has taken legal advice and has been told that Mr Jenkin's behaviour would be condemned in the courts as unreasonably hasty.



Pope John Paul, surrounded by security and Vatican officials, on an escalator at the Teresa Carreno Theatre in Caracas yesterday. Doctrinal deviations attacked, page 4

Teachers see new conflict over pay ahead

By Andrew Moncur

Teachers' leaders expect to receive a pay offer in low single figures today which could signal more disruption in schools.

The union side has submitted a 1985 claim for an increase of at least £1,200 for all teachers from April, representing a rise of about 12.5 per cent. The employers are under pressure from the Government to limit rises to 3 per cent.

Today's Burnham Committee negotiations are being viewed with pessimism by some teaching unions.

Last year the teachers, stung into prolonged disruptive action, eventually received 5.1 per cent after arbitration — a settlement which did little to end their discontent.

Mr Philip Merrifield, leader of the employers' side, is entering today's talks with more hope than he did last year.

He believes that there is a way around the impasse, through the working party career structure reform where the employers have tabled proposals which would mean improved salaries in return for changes in conditions of service But those talks have been broken off by the National Union of Teachers.

The NUT is likely to come under pressure today from other unions to return to those negotiations. They believe that the talks offer a real chance of progress, and would guarantee the jobs of more than 1,000 teachers who would be needed to handle the extra load caused by the proposed teacher appraisal system and an improved induction scheme for new teachers.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that he feared that the NUT was following the lead of the Educational Institute of Scotland, which is staging a series of strikes in support of its claim for an independent pay review.

The NUT said yesterday that it was not rushing into any action.

Sudan buckling under the strain of refugees

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organised manner. It is one of the many voluntary efforts which have sprung up across the country.

The authorities have been taxed with incompetence and inertia. But foreign relief workers speak highly of the spontaneous generosity of the Sudanese people. "They deserve credit for their hospitality," said a Usaid official. "They have taken in the equivalent of what for us would be 12 million people. Do you remember the fuss over 30,000 Cubans coming to Florida?"

The crisis, however, is on such a scale that only a concentrated effort by governments and UN agencies, can contain it. With a national debt of $9 billion, Sudan has a decrepit, and deteriorating infrastructure, a single congested port, drastic petrol shortages, and not a paved road west of Khartoum. There is a short as well as a longer-term crisis, with the Ethiopian refugees the principal cause of the former. Here, the various UN agencies, governmental and private relief agencies are now engaged in a frenzy of stop-gap measures — buying up stocks from the local market, diverting ships bound elsewhere, and rushing in airlifts of less bulky, specialised foods.

If the US is well to the front in this emergency, it is almost out of sight in the longer-term operation of supplying basic food for the coming year. For all its deep misgivings about a stoutly pro-Western regime, it has embarked on the biggest-ever aid programme of the kind.

Of the anticipated 1.9 million-ton grain deficit, it has already pledged to supply 748,000 tons, most of it sorghum. "I can get that from Texas to Geneina (on the Chad frontier) for two-thirds of the local price," said the Usaid official. "Our first shipment of 20,000 tons began unloading at Port Sudan on November 19 and reached Alobied (the capital of Kordofan) on November 28."

Relief workers speak of the "marvellous job" the Americans have done in speeding the unloading at Port Sudan by two to three times, hiring competent local contractors to deliver the food into outlying regions and, with the help of Oxfam and Save the Children monitors, making sure that it reaches the right people.

The UN and other Western governments lag far behind. So far, the World Food Programme has firmly pledged a mere 25,000 tons of grain and the EEC 75,000 tons at most. "The European governments are just too bloody mean and the EEC too bureaucratic," said an Oxfam official. "And the British Farmers' Union, with their 'send a ton to Africa,' have contributed more food than Mrs Thatcher."

US officials are privately critical. "We expected to be contributing 33 to 40 per cent of all the aid to Africa," said one, "but in Sudan we are so far contributing at least seven and a half times as much as the rest of the world together."

Relief workers in the field, including those from the agencies directly involved, say that the UN High Commission for Refugees and the World Food Programme could have done much more to deal with the Eritrean and Tigre emergency.

It remains to be seen — if the short-term emergency is brought under control — whether the potential donors, especially Europe, rise to the longer term one.

Detective murdered

By David Hearst

A Scotland Yard detective was murdered at the weekend after he had gone to a country house in Kent with a search warrant. He was Detective Constable John Fordham, aged 45, who was attached to the central squad of the Metropolitan Police.

DC Fordham was murdered when he went to a house in West Kingsdown, near Brands Hatch, on Saturday night. Two men and a woman were being questioned last night at Dartford police station. Police declined to give details of the attack on DC Fordham, but it is believed that he was accompanied by other officers at the time of the attack.

DC Fordham, who lived in Romford, was married, with two sons and a daughter. The deputy assistant commissioner of Metropolitan Police, Mr Brian Worth, said that the murdered detective had received four commendations from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Cameron tributes

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Mr Tom Baistow, Mr Cameron's foreign editor at the News Chronicle and a close friend, recalled how he had offered him a free hand on the paper but at only half the salary the reporter was then earning on the Daily Mirror.

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The editor of the Guardian, Mr Peter Preston, said: "He was simply an indomitable spirit — so frail sometimes and in such obvious pain, but the words when they came had all the old vigour and passion. He was just a great journalist, and everyone who worked with him will remember him as a man set apart."

Concessions wrung from Brittan on franchise bill

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

The long-delayed committee stage of the Government's bill to raise the deposit for parliamentary candidates and extend the vote to British citizens living abroad is to begin in the Commons tomorrow on the understanding that ministers are ready to accept substantial amendments.

Four substantive concessions have been won from Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, by his Labour shadow, Mr Gerald Kaufman, after lengthy negotiations. The existing £150 deposit will now go up to £500, instead of the £1,000 originally proposed, and the threshold below which unsuccessful candidates lose their deposits will stay at the existing 12½ per cent.

Other concessions, to be incorporated in the bill during the commitee stage, affect the terms on which votes are to be granted to overseas residents. Labour critics of the bill had objected that too many people qualifying for absentee votes were likely to be tax exiles and others with no right to a voice in British elections.

The Government is understood to have conceded the point to the extent that the period of overseas residence during which expatriates will be entitled to a vote will be reduced from the seven years originally planned to only five years. Applicants will have to sign a document declaring that they do not intend to remain abroad permanently, and must have had a vote before they left Britain.

Another reported concession should make it easier for the elderly and the infirm to obtain postal votes — an area of vote gathering in which the Conservative Party's professionalism has been much more successful than Labour.

Mr Kaufman seems to have obtained one other concession regarded as important by Labour MPs. For the bill had originally proposed that the time for closing polling stations on election night should revert to 9 pm. It was extended to 10 pm by the last Labour government.

Ministers had argued that very few voters took advantage of the extra hour, whose main effect was to delay the start of counting.

However, Labour MPs remain convinced that the earlier closing time was weighted against their party, and Mr Brittan appears to have given way.

Government hard line

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negotiations. No such letter has been delivered by Mr Scargill, yet talks are due to resume tomorrow.

This apparent contradiction was explained on the grounds that tomorrow's talks are not really talks, but merely talks about talks. The "talks proper" will not take place until the talks about talks come up with an agreed agenda, which will include the thorny question of the closure of uneconomic pits.

This piece of semantics might well have come under heavier attack were it not for the fact that almost all the Government's critics are now so desperate for a negotiated settlement that they have no intention of saying anything which might undermine a successful outcome. An uncanny silence had fallen on the battleground by yesterday.

The argument inside the Government seems likely to continue, at least sotto voce. A central factor is the nature of the message reaching ministers from the conservative party in the country, which seems to be predominently on the Prime Minister's side.

But the case for a less belligerent approach is also being put forcefully, and not entirely in terms of wet Churchillian maganimity.

SDP leaders fix deal on Westminster seats

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Social Democratic Party leaders have agreed to joint selection with the Liberals in seven Westminster seats, paving the way for the adoption of more Alliance candidates soon.

A meeting of SDP-Liberal leaders in London this week is expected to endorse an agreement covering a large number of seats. This follows an agreement reached at the Council for Social Democracy in Birmingham by the SDP national committee.

It is a further compromise by the SDP leader, Dr David Owen, in favour of joint selection with the Liberals, which he has opposed in all but exceptional circumstances.

Joint open selection in SDP-led seats (which could lead in theory to a Liberal being adopted) was approved in Ludlow, Shrewsbury, and Westminster South and rejected in Chorley and Peterborough.

The national committee agreed to joint closed selection (with Liberals having a say in selection from the SDP list) in High Wycombe, Kensington, Chertsey and Waveney. It was rejected in Ilford North.

The constituencies where joint selection was rejected may insist on it taking place, causing further problems for the leaders, but it is expected that the list will be approved at this week's meeting.

Membership of the SDP has stabilised at 50,000 after dropping from 68,000 in 1982.

Owen averts row, page 3.

Instructor dies in frozen lake

A diving instructor died yesterday after his air supply cut out as he was under the frozen surface of Littleton sailing lake, near Chertsey, Surrey.

Mr George Nicholls, aged 34, of Emlyn Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, London, was taken to hospital in Chertsey, where he was found to be dead.

Four climbers die in falls

Four climbers were killed in falls on mountains of Ben Nevis in Scotland and Snowdon in Wales at the weekend. Two were hit by an avalanche and swept 400 feet down a slope on Red Burn, Ben Nevis.

On Saturday Mr Michael Walton, aged 20, of Leicester, fell 250 feet from a gully above Clogwyn, on Snowdon, while climbing with a party of six students from Groby Community College in Leicester. Last night another man died in a fall on the mountain.

Guardian's expansion

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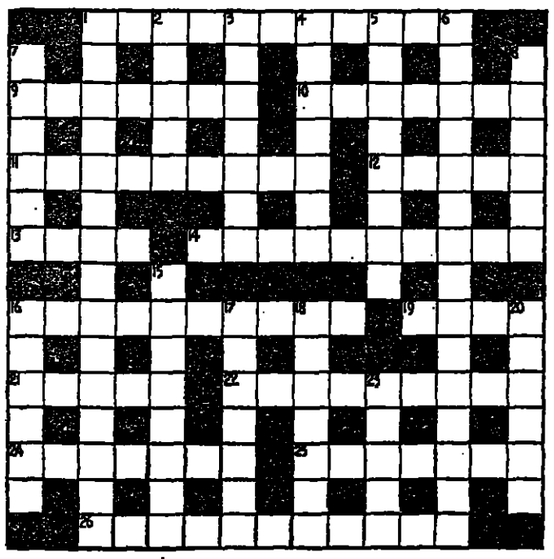
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The editor of the Guardian, Mr Peter Preston, said yesterday: "I think this is a great step for the paper. Over the past few years our sale has grown by 80 per cent and we need the opportunity and challenge to keep it growing.

"We've had many good years in Gray's Inn Road, but the new presses — with spot colour facilities — should help us achieve much higher quality reproduction. It will also be a great comfort to know that we now have a stable base for every bit of national operation, with our own editorial headquarters and now our own printing plant in London."

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ACROSS

1 View at some distance with this (11).
9 Twist overfed officer seen around the City (7).
10 Small gates used by certain sportsmen (7).
11 A tart, trio operating a restaurant (9).
12 Value a cereal on the quiet (5).
13 Career people (4).
14 Hot pie taken in by medical orderly (10).
16 Fur's needed for the cold in the Orient (10).
19 Grind making many sick (4).
21 Always following a Mohammedan leader — a Mohammedan practice (5).
22 Prudence is in favour of the GIs' convertible (9).
24 Parking soldiers are apt to claim (7).
25 Regards foreign money as an unpleasant sight (7).
26 It's a better system of course (11).

DOWN

1 Making free, as possibly ten fishermen can (15).
2 Figure on a break at the summit (5).
3 A note about the leading goddess (7).
4 Where those on foot go by water (3-4).
5 These days being in flight can be an exciting adventure (8).
6 Night-route which may be taken at midnight (3, 8, 4).
7 The newspaperman's "Right, love, time's up!" (6).
8 There's a bulge here too (2, 4).
15 Mark the engineer — a good man, and that's most uncommon (8).
16 Restricts credit allowed on electricity (6).
17 He doesn't believe in field sports (7).
18 Great ocean-going vessel making a distribution of gifts (7).
20 The character of one's correspondence? (6).
23 Quite small in a way, but very agreeable (5).

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Winner of this week's £20 prize is Mrs D. Barnes, of 15 Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool. Runners-up (£10 book token each) are I. H. Johnston, of Vicarage House, Eastmall Road, North Kelsey, Lincoln; Mrs M. E. Anderson, of 88 Newminster Road, Newcastle upon Tyne; and Eric C. Waters, of 11 Blackford House, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

THE WEATHER

Sunny intervals

AN AREA of low pressure near northern Scotland will move away east. A westerly air flow will cover the UK.

London, E Anglia, SE, Cent S, Cent N and NE England, Midlands: Bright or sunny periods, scattered showers. Wind SW to W, moderate. Max temp 7–9C (45–48F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered showers dying out later. Wind W, becoming SW, moderate or fresh. Max 7–9C (45–48F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, showers mostly dying out later. Wind W, fresh or strong, becoming light or moderate. Max 6–8C (43–46F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered showers. Wind NW, fresh or strong, becoming light or moderate. Max 5–7C (41–45F).

Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, heavy showers, wintry in places. Wind variable, fresh or strong, becoming NW, light or moderate. Max 4–6C (39–43F).

Outlook: Unsettled with rain at times but also brighter, drier interludes. Becoming generally mild.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorms: Storm-bound.

Glenshee: Upper runs complete but narrow, hard-packed snow. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow. Vert runs 1,000ft. Hill and main roads icy. Snow level, surface.

Glenisla: Upper runs complete, hard-packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, some complete, hard-packed snow on a firm base. Vert runs 1,500ft. Hill roads, moderate snow drifting. Main roads, slight snow. Snow level, surface. Only open at weekends.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, ample nursery area, new snow on a firm base. Vert run 700ft. Hill roads, moderate snow drifting. Main roads clear. Snow level, surface.

Forecast: Sleet or snow, clearing to sunny interval and scattered showers.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Friday to 6 am Saturday: Min temp 1C (34F). From 6 am to 6 pm Saturday: Max temp 6C (43F). Total period: Rainfall, trace; sunshine, 5.6hrs.

From 6 pm Saturday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp -3C (27F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 3C (37F). Total period: Rainfall, 0.10in; sunshine, nil.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

	C	F		C	F
Algarve	F	13	55			
Alniers	F	14	57	London	F	2	36
Amsterdam	S	7	34	*Los A	C	14	57
Athens	S	17	63	Luxemb'g	F	0	32
Bahrain	S	29	68	Madrid	S	6	43
*Barbados	S	28	82	Majorca	S	14	57
Barcelona	S	13	57	Malta	F	15	59
Belgrade	S	5	41	Manchester	Sn	-2	28
Beirut	F	19	66	Melbourne	F	21	70
Berlin	Sn	-2	28	*Mexico C	S	18	64
*Bermuda	S	17	63	Miami	F	24	75
Biarritz	S	12	54	*Montreal	S	-10	14
Birm'ham	S	3	37	Moscow	Sn	-14	7
Bombay	S	28	82	Munich	Sl	0	32
Bordeaux	S	13	55	Naples	R	12	54
Boston	S	1	34	Newcastle	S	-1	30
Bucharest	S	4	39	New Delhi	S	20	68
Bristol	S	4	39	*New York	S	-1	30
Brussels	S	2	36	Nice	S	12	54
Budapest	S	6	43	Oporto	S	10	50
*B Aires	S	24	75	Oslo	Sn	-15	5
Cairo	S	24	75	Paris	F	4	39
Cape Town	S	20	68	Peking	S	-1	30
Cardiff	S	4	39	Prague	S	-1	30
Casablanca	S	14	57	Reykjavik	Sn	-6	21
Catania	S	12	54	Rhodes	F	17	63
Copenhagen	S	2	36	Rio de J	F	25	77
Corfu	S	15	59	Riyadh	S	19	66
Dublin	S	6	43	Rome	F	14	57
Dubrovnik	S	11	52	Salisbury	Sl	1	34
Edinburgh	S	1	34	Seoul	C	-2	28
Faro	S	13	55	Singapore	F	31	88
Florence	S	10	50	Stockholm	S	-13	9
Frankfurt	S	2	36	Strasbourg	F	4	39
Funchal	S	16	61	Sydney	F	26	79
Geneva	S	7	45	Tangier	S	15	59
Gibraltar	S	15	59	Tel Aviv	S	23	73
Glasgow	S	-1	30	Tokyo	S	5	41
Helsinki	S	-7	19	Tunis	S	15	59
Hong Kong	S	20	68	Valencia	S	12	54
Innsbruck	S	0	32	*Vancouver	Fa	-1	30
Istanbul	S	14	57	Venice	F	5	41
Karachi	S	21	70	Vienna	S	6	43
Larnaca	S	17	63	Warsaw	S	2	36
Las Palmas	F	20	68	*Washington	S	4	39
Lisbon	S	8	46	Wellington	S	18	64
Lucerne	S	0	32	Zurich	C	2	36

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sl, sleet; Sn, snow. * Previous day's readings.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	5.24 pm to 7.50 am
Birmingham	5.15 pm to 7.25 am
Bristol	5.22 pm to 7.24 am
Glasgow	5.12 pm to 7.48 am
London	5.12 pm to 7.14 am
Manchester	5.13 pm to 7.30 am
Newcastle	5.04 pm to 7.33 am
Nottingham	5.11 pm to 7.25 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	6.01 am	6.39 pm
Dover	3.17 am	3.46 pm
Liverpool	3.22 am	3.45 pm

SUN RISES 7.45 am
SUN SETS 4.42 pm
MOON RISES 10.38 am
MOON SETS (Jan 29) 12.56 am
MOON: First quarter Jan 29

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm Saturday.

	Sunshine hrs	Rain in	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (dry)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	—	.44	5	41	Rain am
Birmingham	2.3	.13	4	39	Snow pm
Bristol	1.9	.23	4	39	Bright
Cardiff	3.5	.12	5	41	Bright
Anglesey	4.8	.01	5	41	Sleet am
Blackpool	6.4	—	5	41	Sunny
Manchester	5.7	—	4	39	Sunny
Nottingham	4.9	—	4	39	Snow am
Newcastle	5.8	.05	2	36	Snow pm
Carlisle	7.4	—	1	34	Sunny
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	3.2	.06	4	39	Snow pm
Bridlington	4.8	.04	4	39	Snow pm
Cromer	5.5	—	5	41	Sunny
Lowestoft	2.5	.27	4	39	Sunny am
Clacton	0.2	.56	5	41	Rain pm
Margate	—	.26	5	41	Cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	—	.40	5	41	Drizzle
Eastbourne	—	.36	5	41	Showers
Brighton	—	.21	4	39	Rain pm
Worthing	—	.22	5	41	Cloudy
Bognor Regis	—	.13	5	41	Cloudy
Southsea	—	.11	5	41	Cloudy
Swanage	—	.16	4	39	Dull
Shanklin	—	.17	5	41	Cloudy
Ventnor	—	.10	4	39	Cloudy
Bournemouth	0.4	.09	5	41	Cloudy
Poole	0.5	.15	5	41	Cloudy
Swanage	0.5	.13	5	41	Cloudy
Weymouth	2.8	.01	6	43	Cloudy am
Exmouth	3.8	.01	6	43	Sunny pm
Teignmouth	3.8	.02	6	43	Bright
Torquay	5.1	.03	6	43	Sunny pm
Falmouth	1.3	.05	7	45	Sunny
Penzance	5.2	.14	8	46	Bright
Jersey	0.1	.26	6	43	Cloudy
Guernsey	—	.17	8	46	Cloudy
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	4.5	.03	10	50	Sunny
Newquay	5.2	.03	8	46	Sunny
Ilfracombe	3.5	.10	5	41	Sunny
Tenby	6.7	.06	5	41	Sunny
Southport	5.9	—	2	36	Sunny
Morecambe	7.5	—	2	36	Sunny
Douglas	7.5	—	1	34	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	7.3	—	-2	28	Sunny
Prestwick	7.4	—	0	32	Sunny
Glasgow	7.1	—	0	32	Sunny
Tiree	7.2	—	2	36	Sunny
Stornoway	6.0	.03	1	34	Snow pm
Lerwick	3.1	.38	1	34	Sunny
Wick	4.8	.01	1	34	Snow pm
Kinloss	3.8	—	1	34	Hail am
Aberdeen	6.8	.01	2	36	Snow
St Andrews	7.1	—	1	34	Sunny
Edinburgh	7.0	—	1	34	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	7.4	—	3	37	Sunny

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	hrs sunshine	in. Rain	C Temp. Max.	F (day) Weather
ENGLAND AND WALES:				
London	0.3	.01	3	37 Snow pm
Birmingham	—	.02	2	36 Snow
Bristol	—	.02	2	36 Snow am
Cardiff	—	.02	8	46 Rain
Anglesey	—	.05	8	46 Snow am
Blackpool	—	.20	3	37 Snow
Manchester	—	.16	3	37 Snow
Nottingham	—	.17	3	37 Snow pm
Newcastle	0.1	.08	0	32 Snow pm
Carlisle	—	.09	2	36 Snow pm
EAST COAST				
Scarborough	0.8	.10	1	34 Snow pm
Bridlington	1.3	.09	2	36 Sleet pm
Cromer	2.2	—	3	37 Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.5	—	3	37 Sunny am
Clacton	2.6	.01	3	37 Sunny am
Margate	—	—	4	39 Bright
SOUTH COAST				
Folkestone	2.1	—	5	41 Cloudy
Hastings	0.1	.01	5	41 Rain pm
Eastbourne	—	—	6	43 Cloudy
Brighton	—	.04	4	39 Rain
Worthing	—	.07	6	43 Rain
Bognor Regis	—	.08	6	43 Rain
Southsea	—	.02	6	43 Rain pm
Sandown	—	.05	6	43 Dull
Shanklin	—	.02	6	43 Rain am
Ventnor	—	.02	6	43 Rain am
Bournemouth	—	.11	8	46 Rain
Poole	—	.06	7	45 Rain am
Swanage	—	.09	7	45 Rain
Weymouth	—	.11	8	46 Rain am
Exmouth	—	.16	8	46 Showers
Teignmouth	—	.12	9	48 Cloudy
Torquay	—	.14	9	48 Rain
Falmouth	—	.47	9	48 Gale
Penzance	—	.46	10	50 Rain
Jersey	—	—	7	45 Cloudy
Guernsey	—	—	8	46 Cloudy
WEST COAST				
Isles of Scilly	—	.40	10	50 Rain
Newquay	—	.47	10	50 Rain
Ilfracombe	—	.16	10	50 Rain
Tenby	—	.26	9	48 Rain
Colwyn Bay	0.2	.03	7	45 Snow pm
Southport	—	.21	2	36 Snow
Morecambe	—	.20	3	37 Snow
Douglas	—	.43	4	39 Rain pm
SCOTLAND				
Eskdalemuir	—	.06	0	32 Snow pm
Prestwick	—	—	3	37 Rain pm
Glasgow	—	—	4	39 Snow pm
Tiree	—	.01	4	39 Snow
Stornoway	—	—	3	37 Cloudy
Lerwick	2.6	.08	3	37 Hail
Wick	0.4	—	3	37 Bright
Kinloss	0.4	—	2	36 Cloudy
Aberdeen	0.5	—	2	36 Bright
St Andrews	0.6	—	2	36 Snow pm
Edinburgh	—	—	1	34 Snow pm
NORTHERN IRELAND				
Belfast	0.1	.02	6	43 Snow pm

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Friday to 6 am Saturday: Min temp 4C (39F). From 6 am to 6 pm Saturday: Max temp 5C (41F). Total period: rainfall, 0.44in; sunshine, nil.

From 6 pm Saturday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp -1C (30F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 3C (37F). Total period: rainfall, 0.02in; sunshine, 0.3hr.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give, in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Argyllsats R: (Jan 29) 5.42–5.45 5° 505 E.

Cosmos 1518R: (Jan 29) 5.36–5.40 5° 45ESE ENE.

Cosmos 2208R: 17.38–17.46 SSE NE: 19.18–19.25 SW 40NNW N.

Cosmos 2468R: 17.47–17.52 W 80SSE E: 19.24–19.25 W 25W W.

Salyut 7: 18.59–19.01 W 45WSW WSW.*

Manchester

Argyllsats R: (Jan 29) 5.42–5.45 5SE* 355SE E.

Cosmos 1518R: (Jan 29) 5.36–5.39 SSE* E: 7.10–7.16 WSW 70NW ENE.

Cosmos 2208R: 17.39–17.46 SSE 30ESE NE: 19.18–19.25 SW 50W N.*

Cosmos 2468R: 17.47–17.52 WSW 50SSE ESE: 19.23–19.25 W 30WSW WSW.*

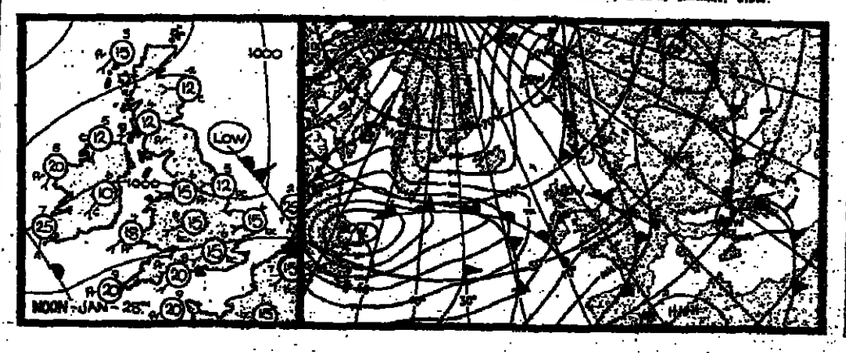
Salyut 7: 18.59–19.01 W 40SSW SSW.*

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea: very rough.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): rough, becoming moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: moderate.



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